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DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY JUST YET

Saints legend Paine urges caution after great start

SAINTS president Terry Paine has urged caution as hopes are renewed of the club achieving their best season for 30 years.

Currently seventh and in the middle of an eight-match unbeaten league-and-cup-run, their joint longest sequence without defeat since returning to the top flight, hopes have been raised that Ronald Koeman's Saints can go one better than last season and break into the top six.

But Paine has warned against raising hopes too high.

He said: "We have to be careful with expectation levels, we have to be realistic. At the start of the season I said I would be highly delighted with eighth place and I stand by that.

"You can't be over realistic when the marketplace can tempt players away. We have to accept bigger clubs will come calling.

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Davis carries on his goal-den run

SAINTS midfielder Steven Davis won praise from his international manager after continuing his goal-den run.

Davis had failed to score in 77 games for club and country prior to notching for Saints in their historic 3-1 Premier League win at Chelsea a few weeks ago.

He then promptly scored twice for Northern Ireland against Greece as they clinched their place at next summer's European Championships.

Davis scored again for Saints in their 2-0 derby victory over Bournemouth at St Mary's, and on Friday night grabbed the only goal of the game as Ireland beat Latvia in a friendly, tapping home in the 55th minute after his initial header was saved.

That made it five goals in nine games for Davis – not bad for someone who hadn't scored since February 2014 before hitting the target at Stamford Bridge.

"It was nice for Steven," said Northern Ireland boss Michael O'Neill.

"His daughter was here, it was maybe the first game she has been to, so a goal and man-of-the-match performance was superb. Once again, he led by example.

"His attitude to the game is the key, in terms of his work rate off the ball and his quality on the ball.

"It was a great ball from Craig Cathcart and Steven is making a habit of popping up in the box.

"He's in a rich vein of form for his club too, so long may it continue for us."

O'Neill praised his Ireland side for signing off a superb 2015 in winning fashion.

It has been an unforgettable year for O'Neill and his side, who last month ended a 30-year absence from tournament football by sealing a place at Euro 2016.

And a 1-0 win over Latvia at Windsor Park ensured they ended the year on a high – Ireland's first friendly win since March 2008.

"We have had a great year with some great results, and a great campaign. We should celebrate the achievements of the team. That's eight games unbeaten now and a clean sheet was good as well. So it was all positive."

O'Neill was also armed with a tongue-in-



Northern Ireland's Steven Davis is in form in front of goal right now

cheek response for those who have been quick to remind him of the country's barren run in friendlies since he took the job.

"I keep reading these really positive stats from people that go back to 1966... that we haven't won a friendly since then or some-

thing," he said.

"Trust me, I wasn't manager back then. I think we should celebrate that we are going to the Euros, rather than dredge these things up."

Paine delight at Saints form

from front page

"Whatever wage a Southampton player gets could be doubled by a top-five club so it's always going to be difficult to compete.

"We have to be grateful that we've got them now."

Paine also recognises there is more competition than ever.

"The TV money means more clubs can afford the top players," he continued. "You could make a case for another five or six teams that could finish in the top eight.

"More competition is better for everyone and I'm dying for a new team to break into that top four.

"I think a more provincial club can do it, but finishing eighth would be a great achievement. There's no reason why we cannot do that and enjoy a cup run, which is why I'm looking forward to the Capital One Cup quarter-final at home to Liverpool a week on Wednesday.

"It's a great opportunity. It's the sort of fixture that helps the lesser clubs with their finances, which is what the League Cup was first introduced to do.

"But it's also a great chance for us to progress. It reminds me of being drawn away to Liverpool in 1962-63. We beat them 2-1 and I scored both goals – my one bit of glory at Anfield."

A Capital One Cup semi-final would also hope assuage the Europe League disappointment of.

"It was always going to be difficult that early in the season but I've no doubt that if we were entering the Europa League now we'd have qualified [for the group stage]," insists Paine.

"To be seventh in the Premier League is remarkable but I keep coming back to that word 'expectancy'.

"If we were to get carried away and try and finish fourth that would be over the top.

"We have to be realistic about what we can do and afford.

"But I'm absolutely over the moon with the way the club is being run and the football that's being played under Ronald Koeman and his team.

"No-one can complain.

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SOUTHERN LGE: WINCHESTER 2 SHORTWOOD 1

CITY HIT BACK TO WIN IN DREADFUL CONDITIONS

WINCHESTER City hit back from a goal down to edge a tight Southern One South & West contest 2-1 in difficult wet conditions at the Denplan City Ground.

With the rain pouring down and the wind whipping up, conditions were far from ideal, *writes WENDY GEE*.

There was an early sign of the potential hazards that lay ahead when the ball slithered out of City's keeper Brendan Norris's grasp, forcing him to gather at the second attempt.

The slippery pitch did not help Winchester's passing game and it was Shortwood, with the wind at their backs, who had the first chance on 13 minutes when Joe Wright's deep cross from the left drifted across to the back post where Adam Price lashed the ball into the side-netting.

Undeterred, Winchester kept trying to play and on 18 minutes a fluent move, with a couple of back-heels thrown in for good measure, resulted in Warren Bentley picking out Zach Glasspool with a deep cross, but the No 9 could only head tamely at keeper Tom King.

Invariably, though, City moves were breaking down and they had more defending to do from a 24th minute Ross Stanley corner which defender Matt Bennett headed behind at the back sticks.

Stanley was next to threaten, skipping inside and zipping an 18-yard shot across the slippery surface and wide.

That turned out to be the last warning for City, who fell behind with 32 minutes gone.

This time **STANLEY**, played in by Wright, got his range spot on as he thumped the ball past Norris from 20 yards.

Having booked Glasspool moments earlier, referee Jason Connelly failed to punish Shortwood's Sam Rawlings for a foul that left Jamie Barron requiring treatment.

But when Barron caught Nick Hencock with his next tackle, the tenacious Winchester midfielder was shown a yellow card.

On 45 minutes City's Matt Benham was penalised for a high boot just outside his own area, but the Winchester wall did its job repelling another Stanley strike.

Half-time:
Winchester City 0
Shortwood Utd 1

There was more determination about the home side and they took less than five second-half minutes to equalise.

Barron delivered a corner from the left and, as the ball bounced loose in the six-yard box, ex-Saints youngster **BENHAM** pounced to thump it home.



Winchester react after falling behind



ADAM Roberts, who was to score Winchester's winner, in action against Shortwood.

Stanley soon had the ball in the net for Shortwood again, but his celebrations were cut short by the offside flag.

Winchester responded with the best move of the game as Benham found Glasspool who instantly sent Bentley on his way.

The deadly marksman looked certain to score, but King reacted brilliantly to divert his shot away from the bottom corner.

Just after the hour it was Barron's turn to have a "goal" scrubbed out for offside and then, after having

a shot deflected out for a corner, Glasspool forced another good save from King with a flicked header.

With City's threat growing by the minute, Barron was impeded wide on the left and smashed a glorious free kick against the angle of bar and post before Taz Roberts headed the follow-up wide.

The game could still have gone either way and it needed a strong hand by Norris to paw away Stanley's in-swinging corner.

But five minutes later, it was City who took the lead.

There was an element of luck about it as **ROBERTS** crossed from the right by-line and the wind appeared to play its part as the ball floated over the keeper and squeezed under the bar for what transpired to be the 82nd minute winner.

The closest Shortwood came to equalising was with the very last kick of the game, but Norris got down well at his near post to deny Marley Thomas.

Result:
WINCHESTER CITY 2
SHORTWOOD UTD 1

FA TROPHY, second qualifying round: (Southern section):

Bideford 3 Brentwood Town 2
St Neots Town 1 Hungerford Town 2
Haringey Borough 1 Hitchin Town 1
Thurrock 3 Cheshunt 1
Tonbridge Angels 1 Cirencester Town 2
Enfield Town 0 Thamesmead 2
Tilbury 4 Royston Town 1
Leiston 1 Corinthian Casuals 2
Bedford Town 1 Weymouth 4
Swindon Supermarine 2 Chesham 3
Taunton 1 Bognor Regis 4
Molesey 4 Harlow 3
East Thurrock 5 Tiverton 0
Waltham Abbey 0 Grays Ath 2
Dulwich Hamlet 2 VCD Athletic 0
Frome 2 Slough 1
Hampton & Richmond 3 AFC Sudbury 1
Dorchester 2 Kingstorian 2
Marlow 1 Mangotsfield 0
Canvey Island 0 Met Police 2
Hastings A-A Merthyr Town
Bury Town 1 Herne Bay 1
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Bath City 1 Oxford City 3
Bishop's Cleeve 0 Sutton 2
Concord Rangers 5 Basingstoke 0
Dartford 1 Maidstone 1
Eastbourne Borough 1 Ebbsfleet 2
Gosport Borough 1 Weston-super-Mare 0
Havant & Waterlooville 3 Maidenhead 1
Hayes & Yeading 0 Chelmsford 5
Margate 2 Whitehawk 6
St Albans 1 Wealdstone 0
Truro v Hemel Hempstead

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division:
Bedworth 1 Dunstable 2
Paulton Rovers pp Chippenham
Poole Town 2 Cambridge City 1

Division One South & West:

Bashley 0 North Leigh 8
Bridgwater 4 Burnham 1
Cinderford 1 Larkhall 0
Slmbridge 0 Bishops Cleeve 2
Taunton pp Banbury
Wantage Town 0 AFC Totton 4
Winchester City 2 Shortwood Utd 1
Yate 1 Wimborne 3

FA VASE, first round:

Plymouth Parkway 6 Blackfield 0

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

SWL Cup, second round:
AFC Stoneham pp Ringwood
Alresford 0 Brockenhurst 3
Amesbury 1 Christchurch 0 aet
Andover NS 0 Andover Town 9
Bemerton HH 2 Downton 0
Moneyfields 1 Tadley Calveia 1 aet (pens 3-2)
New Milton 1 Cowes Sports 4
Romsey Town 3 Hythe & Bidben 1 aet
Sholing 5 Laverstock & Ford 0
Totton & Eling pp Fawley AFC
Verwood 3 Lymington 0
Whitchurch pp Newport IoW
Premier Division:
Horndean pp Bournemouth
Division One:
East Cowes Vics 0 Portland 2
Fleet Spurs 0 US Portsmouth 5
Pewsey Vale pp Alton Town
WFA: Pewsey Vale 0 Corsham Town 4 aet).

HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP

AFC Gulf Western 1 Hedge End Rangers 2 (2-4 pens)
Baffins Milton Rovers 0 Liphook Utd 2
Braithfield 2 Lymington Town Res 2 (Braithfield won on pens)
Chamberlayne Ath 8 Horndean Hawks 1
Colden Common 0 Hamble Club 5
ECS 6 AFC Botley 1
Four Marks 3 East Boldre 0
Headley United 6 Cadnam United 1
Locks Heath 2 Hayling United 2 (4-5 pens)

Rushmoor 0 Comrades 2
Warsash Wasps 1 Hythe Res 3
West Wight 3 Liss Athletic 2
Whitecroft & Barton 3 Stockbridge 0
Four Marks 3 East Boldre 0
PUMA ENGINEERING HANTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division:
Colden Common 0 Liphook Utd 5
Fleetlands 1 Bush Hill 1 (abdn 45 mins)
Overtown Utd pp QK Soton

Division One:
Sway 1 Broughton 3
Upham pp Michelmersh & Timsbury
Combination Cup

Group A:
Hayling Utd 1 Hedge End Rangers 2
QK Soton 1 Fleetlands 8

Group D:
Liphook 0 Hamble Club 5
LEAGUE

Senior League Cup, second round:
ParkSports 0 BTC Soton 5

Premier Division:
Dorley 2 Soton University 4
Nursling 4 BTC Soton 2
Senior 1
Comrades Res 1 Warsash Wasps 5

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Mick: We are better than that

TEAM Solent coach Mick Marsh was left to reflect on what might have been after seeing his side caned 6-0 by Wessex leaders Salisbury on Friday night.

"We are a better team than we have shown tonight," said Marsh, writes PAUL McNAMARA.

"We had a chance to show that we have come a long way. I don't think we've taken that chance."

"We got very nervous. That nervous tension seeped into the performance and, before you know it, everything becomes an effort."

Marsh dismissed the idea that his side's limited recovery time, following Tuesday night's clash with Bournemouth, was a factor in their defeat.

"These are young lads," Marsh insisted.

"They're meant to be athletes. But let's not kid ourselves. Salisbury are a very good side. That is why they are top of the league – and they will win the league."

No budget

"We have no budget and we have to work hard here. Our aims and expectations are to stay in the division."

While Marsh promised that Solent's management and players would analyse the events of Friday night, focus was already moving onto Monday's Southampton Senior Cup third round meeting with Queen's Keep.

"We will learn lessons from tonight," said Marsh. "It's a long season, we've got plenty of games left to play and they will determine where we finish in the league."

"We have a game on Monday night. That allows us to put this to bed and get our confidence back."

"That will have taken a bit of a dent tonight."

Marsh considers Salisbury's presence in the Wessex League a real boon for the division.

"It's great," said the former Sholing manager.

"We had loads of people here watching."

"It's good for the league. The disappointing thing is that we didn't turn up."



Mick Marsh

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Wessex Lge: T Solent 0 Salisbury 6

Salisbury turn on the style under the lights



Saints legend Lawrie McMenemy opens a new covered stand at Tea Solent FC's ground. Also pictured are one of McMenemy's ex-

Team Solent 0 Salisbury FC 6

Salisbury FC tightened their grip at the top of the Wessex League with a convincing win under the Friday night lights at Test Park Sports Ground.

Sam Wilson set the away team on their way to victory, when he rolled in a simple finish mid-way through the first-half, with Brandon Mundy adding a second on 35 minutes, writes PAUL McNAMARA.

An Ellis White own goal shortly after the break, Wilson's second, the excellent Daniel Demkiv's thundering finish and Robbie Matthew's late tap-in added the gloss for a rampant Whites' outfit.

The victory sees Steve Claridge's pace-setters open up a three point gap on second-placed Andover.

Disappear

Wilson saw an early chance disappear when he took too long to get his shot away, after Demkiv's right-wing cross was only cleared as far as the striker, stationed yards from goal.

Tom Whelan blazed over from 25 yards as the visitors sought to turn the screw on their energetic opponents, with the Salisbury midfielder then off-target once more as he span on Ed Perrett's pass to shoot from range.

The opening goal arrived just as Team Solent believed they had ridden the latest wave of Whites' pressure, with the ball resting safely in the gloves of George Passingham.

That was without reckoning for the home stopper's hurried drop-kick slamming straight into attendant Salisbury attacker Dan Young, though. The ball landed perfectly for Wilson, ten yards from an empty goal, and the ex-Eastleigh man did the rest.

Claridge's side didn't have to wait long to double their advantage.

Young chased back to hound the dawdling Jemal Wiseman out of possession, presenting Whelan with the opportunity to spread play to Demkiv wide on the right. The former Southampton youth player clipped in a terrific delivery, which was met by a diving Mundy in front of Salisbury's exultant band of followers.

With the home side struggling to regain their composure, midfielder Sam Byles was fortunate to escape with a caution for a nasty tackle on Mundy in the middle of the park.

White then rescued his side from further damage, the centre-half executing an immaculately timed last-ditch tackle to stop Wilson running clear.

Passingham made partial amends for his earlier error soon after the restart,

the Solent stopper flying away to his right to tip behind from George Coulson's fierce drive.

The 'keeper could do nothing, however, when White flashed out a leg and inadvertently diverted Young's left wing-cross high into his own net.

Wilson was soon back in business, the forward applying an accomplished volleyed touch to guide the ball back across Passingham, after Demkiv's latest pinpoint delivery picked out the forward.

Scoresheet

It was Demkiv's turn to get his name on the scoresheet on the hour, when the winger ran onto Mundy's threaded pass to rifle an emphatic effort that crashed in off the underside of the bar.

Coulson prevented a home consolation by clearing from his line when Solent substitute Martin Johnson met Jim Orvis' corner with a powerful header.

All three of the visiting subs then combined to cap a perfect night for the away side. Taureen Roberts slipped a pass forward for Ashley Jarvis, who squared for Matthews to prod home.

Kane O'Keefe was denied point-blank by Passingham at the death, but the contest was long since settled.

'That was as good a performance as we could have imagined'

STEVE Claridge praised his Salisbury side's complete performance after the Whites put Team Solent to the sword to move three points clear at the top of the Wessex League.

The away team made their early pressure tell when Sam Wilson capitalised on goalkeeper George Passingham's error to stroke into an empty net midway through the first-half, writes PAUL McNAMARA.

Brandon Mundy doubled Salisbury's lead before the break, with an Ellis White own goal, Wilson again, Daniel Demkiv and substitute Robbie Matthews completing the rout.

"That was as good a performance as we could have possibly imagined," said Claridge.

"I thought it was a complete performance, right from the start. We have got better players, but I thought Solent struggled to match our effort.

"It wasn't just the goals and when we had the ball, but also when we didn't have it. We hunted in packs. We looked quick and sharp."

Reflecting on the Whites' form this term, Claridge claimed that his team's display at the Test Park Sports Ground represented the first occasion on which they have sustained the performance level the manager demands of them, from first whistle to last.

"That's the standard we have to aim for," said the Salisbury boss.

"I get frustrated when we don't reach that standard - and the only reason we don't is because we think it's too easy. "I think the players thought it was going to be a test tonight and they were right up for it.

They did exactly what I asked of them - they were brilliant."

What's more, Claridge believes that the resounding nature of Salisbury's victory will fire out a warning to those teams looking to hunt them down at the top of the table.

"That's a marker for everybody in this league," said the winning manager.

"If we play like that no one will live with us. That's higher than anybody else can achieve at this level."

"But we haven't always been like that. That's why we are where we are."

Claridge also reserved credit for the beaten home team, whose approach, he declared, was far from the norm among sides taking on his Salisbury outfit this season.

Beaten

"Teams just try and stop us playing," said Claridge.

"Nobody comes and tries to play against us because, with all due respect, that's what happens."

"They (Team Solent) play the game the right way. They get it down and try and pass. OK, they got beaten - but they got beaten the right way."

Claridge, who confessed that his side received a lucky break for Wilson's opener, was also delighted with the manner in which defender Calum Brockway shackled Solent danger man Jesse Waller-Lassen.

The former Tottenham youngster wasn't alone among his Solent team-mates, however, in struggling to make an impact against a powerful Whites unit.



Salisbury manager Steve Claridge

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JULY															
Thurs 30 Vitesse (EL)H	W 3-0	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Soares	Targett	S Davis	Tadic+ 1	Wanyama	Clasie*	Mane=	Pelle 1	Long+ 1	Juanmi*	Reed=
AUGUST															
Thurs 6 Vitesse (EL)A	W 2-0	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Martina	Caulker	S Davis=	Tadic+	Wanyama	Ward-Prowse	Mane	Pelle* 1	Jaunmi+	Rodriguez*	Reed=
Sun 9 NewcastleA	D 2-2	Stekelenburg	Targett	Fonte	Soares+	Yoshida	S Davis	Rodriguez*	Wanyama	Tadic	Mane	Pelle 1	Martina+	Long* 1	
Sat 15 EvertonH	L 0-3	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	S Davis=	Long*	Wanyama	Tadic+	Mane	Pelle	Romeu+	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse=
Thurs 20 Midtjylland (EL) . . .H	D 1-1	Stekelenburg	Caulker	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	Ward-Prowse*	Wanyama	Rodriguez+ 1	Mane	Pelle	Long+	Juanmi*	
Sun 23 WatfordA	D 0-0	Stekelenburg	Caulker	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis*	Wanyama	Soares	Mane+	Pelle=	Long+	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez=
Thurs 27 Midtjylland (EL) . . .A	L0-1	Stekelenburg	Caulker+	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis=	Martina	Ward-Prowse	Rodriguez*	Pelle	Tadic+	Long*	Juanmi=
Sun 30 Norwich (1.30pm) . . .H	W 3-0	Stekelenburg	Soares+	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis+	Tadic 2	Ward-Prowse	Mane=	Pelle 1	Rodriguez+	Martina*	Jaunmi=
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 12 WBA (3pm)A	D 0-0	Stekelenburg	Soares*	Fonte	Targett	Van Dijk	Rodriguez+ Wanyama	Wanyama Romeu*	Tadic Tadic	Ward-Prowse W-Prowse=	S Davis Mane	Pelle Pelle 2	Mane+ Martina+	Yoshida* S Davis*	Long=
Sun 20 Man Utd (4pm)H	L 2-3	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Targett+	Van Dijk=	S Davis	Romeu	Rodriguez 2	Juanmi	Mane* 2	Long 2	Bertrand+	Ramirez*	Yoshida=
Tues 23 MK Dons (LC 3rd)A	W 6-0	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Targett+	Van Dijk=	S Davis	Romeu	Rodriguez 2	Juanmi	Mane* 2	Long 2	Bertrand+	Ramirez*	Yoshida=
Sat 26 Swansea (3pm)H	W 3-1	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Bertrand	Van Dijk 1	Wanyama	W-Prowse	Mane 1=	S Davis+	Tadic* 1	Pelle	Romeu+	Rodriguez*	Juanmi=
OCTOBER															
Sat 3 Chelsea (5.30pm)A	W 3-1	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Van Dijk	Bertrand	Wanyama	Romeu+	S Davis 1	Mane= 1	Tadic*	Pelle 1	W-Prowse+	Rodriguez*	Yoshida=
Sat 17 Leicester (3pm)H	D 2-2	K Davis	Soares+	Fonte 1	Van Dijk 1	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Davis*	W-Prowse	Mane	Tadic=	Pelle	Yoshida+	Clasie*	Rodriguez=
Sun 25 Liverpool (4.15pm)A	D 1-1	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Van Dijk	Bertrand	Wanyama	Clasie*	Mane 1	S Davis=	Tadic+	Pelle	W-Prowse+	Juanmi*	Ramirez=
Weds 28 Aston Villa (LC 4)H	W 2-1	Stekelenburg	Yoshida1	Caulker	Van Dijk	Targett	Wanyama	Romeu	W-Prowse	Juanmi*	Ramirez+	Pelle1	S Davis+	Tadic*	
NOVEMBER															
Sun 1 AFC Bournemouth (4pm) .H	W 2-0	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte+	Van Dijk	Bertrand	Wanyama	Clasie*	S Davis 1	Mane	Tadic=	Pelle 1	Yoshida+	Romeu*	W-Prowse=
Sat 7 Sunderland (3pm)A	W 1-0	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Van Dijk	Bertrand	S Davis	Clasie+	W-Prowse	Mane*	Tadic1=	Pelle	Romeu+	Juanmi*	Caulker+
Sat 21 Stoke (3pm)H															
Sat 28 Man City (3pm)A															
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Sat 19 Tottenham (3pm)H															
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Sat 16 WBA (3pm)H															
Sat 23 Man Utd (3pm)A															
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Sat 6 West Ham (3pm)H															
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Sat 27Chelsea (3pm)H															
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Sat 23 Aston Villa (3pm)A															
Sat 30 Manchester City (3pm) . . .H															
MAY															
Sat 7 Tottenham (3pm)A															
Sun 15 Crystal Palace (3pm)H															

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
FRASER FORSTER	0	0	0	0	37	0
KELVIN DAVIS	1	0	0	0	299(2)	0
M STEKELENBURG	12	0	5	0	17	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	20(1)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	6(4)	0	4(1)	1	75(11)	2
JOSE FONTE	11	1	5	0	236(5)	14
CEDRIC SOARES	9	0	2	0	11	0
RYAN BERTRAND	5	0	0(1)	0	42(2)	2
FLORIN GARDOS	0	0	0	0	11(6)	0
MATT TARGETT	6	0	4	0	18(4)	0
CUCO MARTINA	0(3)	0	2	0	2(3)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JASON MCCARTHY	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
STEVEN CAULKER	1(1)	0	3	0	4	0
STEVEN DAVIS	10(1)	2	4	0	106(22)	8
HARRISON REED	0	0	0(2)	0	7(13)	0
VICTOR WANYAMA	9	0	3	0	64(10)	3
LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0	0	2(4)	0
SAM MCQUEEN	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
JORDY CLASIE	2(1)	0	1	0	2(1)	0
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	6(4)	0	3	0	59(43)	2
DOMINIC GAPE	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
DUSAN TADIC	10	3	2(1)	1	40(9)	9

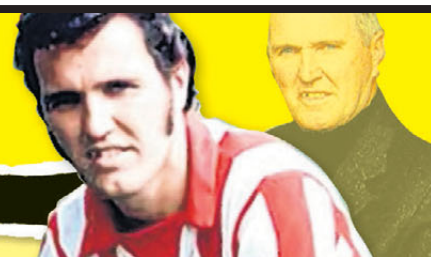
	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
SADIO MANE	10(1)	2	4	3	39(7)	15
GASTON RAMIREZ	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	27(25)	8
JAY RODRIGUEZ	2(6)	0	3(1)	3	64(24)	29
GRAZIANO PELLE	12	6	4	2	56(2)	24
SHANE LONG	1(3)	1	1(3)	3	23(24)	11
RYAN SEAGER	0	0	0	0	0(2)	0
ORIORL ROMEU	4(4)	0	3	0	7(4)	0
JUANMI	0(3)	0	1(4)	0	1(7)	0
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	0	0	3(16)	1
VIRGIL VAN DIJK	7	2	1	0	7	2

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



Players need to settle quickly under Garde

TIMOTHY Alan Sherwood is affable, clearly cared quite strongly about the fortunes of Aston Villa and succeeded where the majority of Villa managers have failed, managing to get them to the FA Cup final.

For those reasons he will be afforded a warmth of feeling not reserved for the other recent holders of the position of Villa manager.

However, the fact is that under Sherwood's stewardship, Villa won only six of 23 league games with just one of those victories coming this season.

Ultimately this terrible record cost him his job and so attention turns to his successor, Rémi Garde.

Rémi Garde is no stranger to English football having spent three years at Arsenal during their French revolution of the 1990s.

He is, however, a relative novice to the world of senior coaching, his only previous top job having been three years at the helm of Lyon.

Lyon hired Garde at a time where their focus was on cutting costs and rebuilding (sound familiar Villa fans?), whilst he had a much stronger squad there than he inherits at Villa – Hugo Lloris and Yoann Gourcuff amongst other names that will be familiar to fans of the Premier League – he still had to operate with limited resources and did so to good effect, winning 51 per cent of his 117 games in charge.

With the majority of Villa's summer recruits speaking French as a first language, the media consensus seems to be that Garde would be able to communicate to these players more effectively in their native tongue.

However, one of Garde's first actions as manager has been to ban French from the dressing room, insisting that all players must be able to communicate in English, firmly debunking those theories.

Rémi Garde may be consciously unwilling to use language as a tool to get the best out of Villa's French contingent, but there is little doubt that he has to find some way to utilize their assets if Villa is to avoid relegation. Tim Sherwood (and very briefly Kevin MacDonald) proved in no uncertain terms that he was incapable of doing so and it cost him his job. This weekend's game against Manchester City suggested that Garde may have more success than Sherwood did in that regard though.

Garde's first line up as Villa manager included all of the summer signings from Ligue 1, Jordan Veretout, Idrissa Gana Gueye, Jordan Amavi and Jordan Ayew.

Playing Carlos Sanchez at the base of the midfield allowed Gana and Veretout more freedom to support the attack, providing



Tim Sherwood won only six of his 23 league games in charge of Aston Villa.

more movement from the midfield than has been seen at any other point this season.

In many ways Jordan Amavi is the most exciting of the summer recruits and he performed well on his return to the left back position.

Jordan Ayew has been in encouraging form recently with two goals in his last three games but was unable to make much of an impression.

However, his competition includes a very off form Gabby Agbonlahor and the human pylon Rudy Gesteira so he'll have plenty more chances to make his mark in the coming weeks.

A game against Manchester City is never an easy one to judge a team like Villa on, but the team selection and strategy was certainly an encouraging start.

The game was still largely bossed by City with 60 per cent possession and 13 shots to three but Villa showed some spirit and invention that has been lacking recently.

One of the most irritating aspects of the Tim Sherwood era was his reluctance to play Carles Gil.

Gil can frustrate at times but there is no one else in this Villa squad with the same vision or technical skill and most of Villa's positive play was generated through

the Spaniard this weekend. Gil's selection seemed to come at the expense of Jack Grealish who perhaps will benefit from some time on the sidelines having looked a little jaded in recent weeks.

In much the same way that Chelsea are a far better team than their league position would suggest, I firmly believe that this Villa team is also better than theirs.

The summer recruits are all decent players.

However, there is no more time for those players to settle, they need to perform now if Villa are to survive this season and it is up to Rémi Garde to ensure that they do so.

Stourbridge: How they have fared ...

STOURBRIDGE RESULTS 2015/16

The Evo-Stik League Northern Premier

Aug 15 Whitby (a) L 0-4
Aug 17 Nantwich Town (h) W 4-3
Hawley 2 Dodd (p) Brown
Aug 22 Workington (h) D 0-0
Aug 24 Ilkeston (a) L 3-4
Brown, Scarr, Hawley
Aug 29 Skelmersdale United (a) W 2-1
Broadhurst 2
Aug 31 Rushall Olympic (h) D 2-2
Lait, Brown
Sept 5 Buxton (a) W 3-2
Lait, Pierpoint, Hawley
Sept 7 Barwell (h) L 2-3
Lait, Brown
Sept 19 Blyth Spartans (h) W 3-0
Dodd, Richards, Hawley
Sept 22 Ramsbottom United (a) W 2-1
Hawley, Lait
Sept 28 Grantham Town (h) D 1-1
Richards
Oct 3 Hyde United (a) W 2-0
Hawley, Dodd
Oct 6 Colwyn Bay (a) W 2-0
Hawley, Richards
Oct 12 Sutton Coldfield Town (h) W 2-0
Hawley, Richards
Oct 17 Darlington 1883 (a) D 1-1
Hawley
Oct 19 Ilkeston (h) L 1-2
Billingham
Oct 27 Nantwich Town (a) L 0-1

Emirates FA Cup

Sept 12 Tivdale (FAC, a) W 1-0
Pierpoint
Sept 26 Dunkirk (FAC, h) W 3-1
Lait, Hawley, Pierpoint
Oct 10 Rushall Olympic (FAC, h) W 1-0
Richards
Oct 24 Kidderminster Harries (FAC 1st rd, h) W 3-0
Dodd, Richards, Lait
Nov 7 Dover Athletic (FAC 2nd rd, a) W 2-1
Hawley, Lait

FA Trophy

Oct 31 Halesowen Town (FAT a) W 2-1
Pierpoint, Hawley

Birmingham Senior Cup

Nov 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers (BSC h) 0-5

During Gary Hackett's time in charge, Stourbridge have risen from the Midland Alliance to step seven of the football pyramid.

Promoted to the Southern League as Midland Alliance runners-up in 2005/06, Stourbridge went up again from Division 1 Midlands two years later.

They reached the Southern League Premier Division play-offs two years running, in 2013 and 2014, but on each occasion lost in the semi final to Gosport Borough and Chesham United.

After the loss to Chesham, Stourbridge moved to the Northern Premier League.

They found the going there a lot tougher, finishing only 16th in 2014/15.

Well-travelled pair

A DECADE ago, in 2005/06, Stourbridge FC finished second in the Midland Alliance – the same level of the football pyramid as the Sydenhams Wessex League.

In the same season, Karl Hawley struck 22 goals for champions Carlisle United to jointly win the League 2 Golden Boot, *writes SIMON CARTER.*

Hawley shared the honour with a man who was to become slightly better known on the south coast than he was – Rickie Lambert, then a Rochdale player.

Also in 2005/06, Woking hot-shot Justin Richards finished as the Conference's second top scorer with 21 goals.

Richards also scored the winner on a memorable night for the Surrey club when they beat former European kings Nottingham Forest in the Football League Trophy.

Yes, a selection of non league clubs were invited to compete in what is now the Johnstone's Paint Trophy for a couple of seasons in the mid-noughties.

And, as a result, Woking were able to come from 1-2 down to beat a below-strength Forest XI 3-2.

They were not to know – how could they? – but the peripatetic footballing careers of Hawley and Richards would eventually lead them to the same club.

Stourbridge.

And early next month the pair of former Football League strikers will be the main goal threats to Eastleigh's dream of reaching the third round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history.

Hawley has form against the Spitfires.

Now in the veteran stage of his career – he will be 34 on December 6 – Hawley scored 10 times for Alfreton in last season's Conference campaign.

Two of those strikes came against Eastleigh.

He was on target in Alfreton's 3-2 home win in December and also scored the Derbyshire club's consolation in a 3-1 loss at the Silverlake Stadium in April.

Geographically, Hawley's career has come virtually full circle. He started out at hometown club Walsall but never made a first team appearance for the Saddlers.

After loan spells with Raith Rovers (twice) and Hereford, he joined Carlisle in the summer of 2004 after the Cumbrians had been relegated to the Conference.

He was to prove a smash hit at Brunton Park.

In only his fourth outing he smacked a hat-trick in a 7-0 win over Farnborough, and finished the season with 13 goals as Carlisle won an instant promotion back to the Football League via the play-offs.

Then came what remains his best season ever, the 22-goal haul which helped Carlisle to the League 2 title and back to back promotions.



Karl Hawley puts Stourbridge 2-1 up from the spot at Dover. Photo by Will Kilpatrick.



Justin Richards, right, in Football League action for Cheltenham against Bournemouth's Ryan Garry.

After 47 goals in 120 league games, he joined Preston North End in the summer of 2007 but only managed three goals in 30 league outings in two seasons at Deepdale.

He spent the 2008/09 campaign on loan at Northampton and Colchester, before joining Notts County

permanently in the summer of 2009.

Three more frustrating years followed as he failed to reproduce his prolific Carlisle form, with only five league goals in 81 appearances – 40 of which came off the bench.

A move to Scunthorpe was to

bring 11 League 1 goals in 2012/13, but the Iron were relegated to the fourth tier before Hawley was on the move again – this time in Torquay United.

Again, though, he was out of luck – scoring just three times in 27 League 2 appearances as the Devon

Leading Stour line



Chris Lait celebrates Stourbridge's victory at Dover Athletic. Photo by Will Kilpatrick.



Stourbridge manager Gary Hackett with someone dressed as the FA Cup.

club were relegated to the Conference.

Hawley then completed a hat-trick of demotions in 2014/15, his goals failing to stop Alfreton falling out of the Conference.

You would expect a man with his Football League pedigree to do well in the Northern Premier League,

where Stourbridge currently play after switching from the Southern League two years ago.

And you would think right, as his goal at Dover last weekend was his 13th in 23 league and cup outings for the Glassboys.

It is something of a coup for Stourbridge to have two ex-profes-

sional strikers in their ranks, given they play at the seventh tier of English football.

Richards, 35, arrived at the War Memorial Ground in September after helping Sutton Coldfield Town win promotion from the Northern Premier League Division 1 South last season.

He was the club's top scorer with 23 goals, after scoring just once in 18 Conference games in 2013/14 for relegated Tamworth.

Prior to that, Richards was fairly prolific just a few years ago.

In 2008/09 he struck 17 goals for Conference club Kidderminster Harriers, before hitting 15 in his sole season for Cheltenham in League 2 in 2009/10.

Among that haul was a brace in a 5-4 home loss to Bradford City and another two goals in a remarkable 6-5 win at Burton Albion – where Cheltenham trailed 5-3 with only four minutes left.

After a season at Port Vale, Richards scored 11 goals for Burton in 2011/12 before falling out of favour there and joining Oxford United for the second half of the 2012/13 season.

During his four-game spell at Oxford, he played alongside current Eastleigh striker James Constable.

Like Hawley, Richards was born locally – in his case, Sandwell – and also started his career with a local professional club, West Bromwich Albion.

He made his only league appearance for the Baggies in a Championship game against Ipswich in 1999 before joining Bristol Rovers for £75,000 in January 2001.

But the manager who signed him, Ian Holloway, left Rovers the following week and Richards was to prove a fairly expensive flop – failing to score in 16 league outings (only three of them starts) as the Gas plunged into the fourth tier.

History will be created one way or the other when Hawley and Richards face Eastleigh next month for the chance to enter the third round draw alongside the Premier League heavyweights.

Neither club has ever reached that stage before.

This is only Eastleigh's second time in round two, and the first was last season when they went out at Conference rivals Southport.

Last weekend's historic win at League 1 strugglers Crewe was only the third time the Spifires had ever reached the first round stage.

Stourbridge have also reserved their best ever FA Cup performances for recent times.

They have twice previously reached the second round – in 2011/12 and 2013/14. On both occasions they were beaten by Stevenage.

In the first round in 2011/12 Stourbridge defeated Football League opposition for the only time in their history.

They drew 3-3 at League 2 club Plymouth – Argyle equalising in the 88th minute – before stunning the Devonians 2-0 at the War Memorial Ground.

Stourbridge's manager in both of those seasons was former Shrewsbury, Aberdeen and Stoke winger Gary Hackett, who has been manager of his hometown club since 2003.

Stars unite in support of Paris victims

SPORTING figures from across the globe have united in support of those affected by the terrorist attacks in Paris that killed over 120 people.

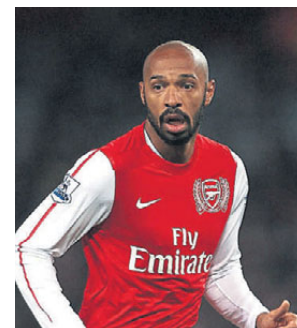
Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the Twitter reaction to Friday's events.

Germany's Andre Schurrle, @AndreSchuerrle: "What a terrible night! My thoughts are with families who lost their loved ones!! #prayforparis"

Former France striker Thierry Henry, @ThierryHenry: "I'm appalled by the shocking scenes in Paris at the moment. My thoughts are with all the victims and innocent people suffering right now."

Tennis world number one Novak Djokovic, @DjokerNole: "Shocked, saddened, horrified, speechless. My prayers go to all the families and victims. #PrayersForParis"

Former France striker Louis Saha, @louissaha08: "Im send-



French legend Thierry Henry

ing massive strength&courage to all family and friends of Paris victims tonight."

Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton, @LewisHamilton: "I am praying for all those affected in Paris, please pray with me guys. #Prayforparis"

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, @KingJames: "As I get ready for my game I can't help but to think of the tragedy in Paris! My God what's up with people. Prayers sent to all the families!"

Two-time major champion golfer Martin Kaymer, @MKaymer59: "Shocked about what just happened back home in Europe. Way more important things in life than golf today. #PrayForParis"

Former England striker Gary Lineker, @GaryLineker: "It's just incomprehensible that human beings can be so evil to innocent, fellow human beings. What a mess of a species we are!"

5 things we learned from England loss

England saw their 15-match unbeaten run come to an end as Spain ran out 2-0 victors in Alicante.

Here, the Sports Pink picks out five noteworthy things from the glamour friendly.

1. England need to improve

After winning all 10 matches in qualification and going unbeaten since the World Cup, positivity had been building around Roy Hodgson's side. The level of opponent has not always been great, though, and the defeat to Spain underlines the need to improve. The result was deserved on the pattern of play.

2. Poor in possession

Not for the first time England's problems stemmed from their inability to keep the ball. Spain were always going to boast the lion's share of time in possession, but on too many occasions Hodgson's men merely handed them the ball.

3. Defensive success

One of the experiments Hodgson planned for this friendly was at the



Ryan Bertrand

back and it was a success on the whole. Spain's two goals were fine finishes, with Chris Smalling and Phil Jones' partnership in central defence working well. Saints star Ryan Bertrand performed well again at left-back, although Kyle Walker was shaky at times.

4. Costa's struggles continue

Diego Costa looks a shadow of the player that was so impressive for Chelsea last season. This year he just seems to want to fight everyone, rather than concentrate on playing football. There were no such flare-ups against England, but nor was there a return of that cutting edge.

5. Pique cannot avoid the boos

England would love a player like Gerard Pique, but the Barcelona defender is a divisive figure in Spain. Previous support of Catalan independence has not gone down well, nor has his mocking of Real Madrid, and is said to be the reason behind this friendly being played in Alicante instead of the capital. Pique did not avoid boos and whistles, though.

Salford's win shows

THE look on their faces said it all.

Gary Neville, Paul Scholes and Nicky Butt have known some great days, some great nights, *writes SIMON CARTER.*

They were part of many a successful Manchester United team in their illustrious careers.

But I doubt whether they have enjoyed many more games than the one they watched last Friday night.

There they were, three of Salford City's co-owners, stood together while the club they run took on Notts County under the glare of the live BBC cameras.

The part-timers of Salford, from the seventh tier of English non league football, were more than comfortable with their new-found fame.

They defeated a Magpies side three divisions higher than them, and that was why Neville, Scholes and Butt were dancing on the terraces.

Another great day for the FA Cup, therefore.

Ruined by greed

"It's probably better than (winning) the Champions League," Scholes said as Salford's amateurs lapped up their 15 minutes of Warholian fame afterwards.

There you have it, then. An FA Cup tie is deemed "better" than winning European football's premier club tournament – by a man who has won the Champions League.

It is easy to look at top level football these days and believe it has been ruined by greed.

There is one good reason for that – it HAS been ruined by greed.

Remember Nottingham Forest winning promotion from the old second division and then lifting the first division title 12 months later?

And then winning the European Cup a year after that?

And then retaining the European Cup a year after that?

That was all between 1977 and 1980.

Those days have gone, and they are unlikely to return.

Remember Ipswich finishing fifth in the Premier League in 2000/01, just 12 months after winning promotion?

Those days have gone, too, and are also unlikely to return.

Remember the days when second division clubs won the FA Cup?

Sunderland, Saints and West Ham all lifted the silverware in eight seasons between 1973-80.

Those days have also gone, and won't return either.

Thankfully, though, there is still some romance left in football.

Last weekend provided further examples of that, and all of us who love football should be thankful the FA Cup can still deliver.

There was Salford City, for one.

Watching them, it was hard to believe they had only won one of



Eastleigh celebrate with their fans after dumping two divisions higher Crewe out of the FA Cup.



Eastleigh celebrate their FA Cup victory over Crewe at Gresty Road.

their seven home league games this season.

They were easily the better team, and remember Notts County had beaten Portsmouth in League Two a week earlier.

The following day, Eastleigh recorded their historic victory over

two divisions higher Crewe Alexandra.

A look at the two teams showed it was the Spitfires who possessed the bulk of the Football League experience.

Crewe are engaged in a League One relegation battle with a pre-

dominantly young and inexperienced squad, and I wouldn't be surprised if they went down this season.

Still, that should not take anything away from Chris Todd's Eastleigh. For all their experienced players, Eastleigh are still a non

s cup magic lives on



Ben Strevens scores the penalty that gave Eastleigh their greatest ever victory.



It was great to see tinfoil FA Cups among the travelling Eastleigh fans last weekend.

league team and it's not often a non league team win away to a third-tier club.

Elsewhere on the same day, Al-trincham – renowned FA Cup giant-killers of the 70s and 80s – dumped out League One club Barnsley.

The same Barnsley who were FA Cup semi-finalists in 2008.

Barnsley have fallen some way, then, but not as far as Wigan Athletic have.

It is amazing to think it's only two years since Wigan lifted the FA Cup, the greatest day in the club's history, by stunning Manchester City in the final.

Wigan fans would never have

thought that just two years on they would have suffered a double relegation and be entering the FA Cup at the first round stage.

And being thrashed 4-0 at Bury for good measure.

Last Sunday provided more FA Cup shock potential.

And I was there at one of the

games desperately hoping not to see one.

With my Exeter City supporting hat on, I rolled up at the Draycott Engineering Loop Meadow Stadium for a noon kick-off.

This was a proverbial banana skin tie for Exeter, to say the least.

For the second season running, we had been drawn away to the lowest-ranked club in the first round.

And in November 2014 we had been humiliated 1-0 at Warrington Town, live on the Beeb.

Wonderful

This time the BT Sport cameras were present, and they hadn't arrived hoping for a routine Exeter victory.

That was what a nation saw, however.

Three second-half goals eventually saw us progress, and to be honest there were very few scares.

That shouldn't have been a surprise – Didcot were virtually 100 places below us in the pyramid.

What a wonderful sport football is.

Very rarely do we take a step back and focus on the wider picture.

Here I was, at Didcot, watching my club in the FA Cup.

A decade earlier, I had also travelled to watch Exeter in the same competition – to Old Trafford.

What a remarkable tournament the FA Cup is, allowing me the chance to visit two such contrasting grounds.

To visit Manchester United and Didcot Town in the same tournament.

You cannot get this in any other major sport.

The likes of South Wilts CC or Bashley Rydal CC will never play Hampshire or Middlesex in a one-day cricket match. Certainly not a competitive one anyway.

Greatest sport

In rugby, the smaller clubs never get the chance to take on their Premiership cousins in a knockout cup tie – no such tournament exists.

That is why football remains the greatest sport in the world.

And why the FA Cup remains the greatest club tournament of them all.

Ask Paul Scholes, or Gary Neville, or Nicky Butt – three men who have gone up in my estimation now as a result of last Friday.

Ask Chris Todd, Ben Strevens, or anyone else associated with Eastleigh who was at Gresty Road last weekend.

Ask any of the Didcot Town players who appeared live on television against Exeter last Sunday.

It was a game that underlined the enduring romance of the Football Association Challenge Cup.

And may that forever be the case.

Top athletes back Russian ban decision

LEADING athletes have backed the decision of the IAAF Council to hand Russia a provisional ban from all international athletics competitions with immediate effect.

Members voted by a 22-1 majority in favour of the provisional sanction, which comes in the wakes of damning revelations of cover-ups by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

In a statement issued on behalf of the IAAF Athletes Commission, former sprinter Frankie Fredericks said: "The IAAF Athletes' Commission is extremely disappointed and concerned regarding the recent developments and allegations directed at our sport.

"We are angry at the damage being caused to the reputation and credibility of athletics and are united alongside our President to not shy away from the major challenges that face our sport.

"The athletes will work together to continue the process of cleaning up athletics to ensure those athletes training and competing cleanly are not tainted by the minority."

And the move was backed by Paula Radcliffe, herself the subject of unfounded suspicions earlier this year, who tweeted: "The right decision, time for serious reform and proud to stand behind our Athlete Commission statement."



Paula Radcliffe

The move – which is almost certain to be made permanent by a disciplinary panel – will see Russia lose hosting rights to next year's Race Walking World Cup and the World Junior Championships, due to take place in Cheboksary and Kazan respectively.

But while, as it stands, the sanction also rules Russia out of competing in next year's Rio Olympic Games, early indications are that the Russians will accept their punishment and work towards fulfilling the criteria required in order to be reinstated in time.

IAAF president Sebastian Coe described the events leading up to the vote as a "shameful wake-up call" and conceded authorities including the IAAF and WADA had to "look closely at ourselves."

Coe, who hosted the meeting via teleconference in London, said: "We have been dealing with the failure of ARAF (the Russian athletics federation) and made the decision to provisionally suspend them, the toughest sanction we can apply at this time.

"But we discussed and agreed that the whole system has failed the athletes, not just in Russia, but around the world.

"This has been a shameful wake-up call and we are clear that cheating at any level will not be tolerated."

The biggest sporting scandals ...

ATHLETICS has found itself engulfed in crisis after the report by the World Anti-Doping Agency's independent commission published this week revealed systematic doping among Russian athletes and its cover-up.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at other sports that have been hit by corruption scandals in recent times:

FOOTBALL

The crisis at football's world governing body FIFA reached new levels this year. In May, seven FIFA officials were arrested and later charged along with two others by US authorities over allegations of racketeering, wire fraud and money-laundering conspiracies spanning 24 years.

Swiss authorities raided FIFA headquarters for their separate investigation into allegations of criminal mismanagement and money-laundering in connection with the allocation of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups.

Sepp Blatter later announced he was to resign as FIFA president, and in September Swiss prosecutors opened criminal proceedings against him relating to a TV rights deal signed with former Caribbean football chief Jack



Sepp Blatter

Warner and a payment made to UEFA president Michel Platini.

In October Blatter, Platini and FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke were provisionally suspended for 90 days by the body's ethics committee.

CYCLING

March saw the publishing of a report by the Cycling Independent Reform Commission - set up by current UCI president Brian Cookson in January 2014 - that accused previous leaders of the sport's world governing body of undermining anti-doping efforts and showing preferential treatment to disgraced former Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong.

CRICKET

The 'spot-fixing' scandal relating to Pakistan's Test against England at Lord's in August 2010 resulted in three of the tourists' players being handed prison sentences in November 2011.

Ex-Test captain Salman Butt was jailed for two-and-a-half years for his role as the "orchestrator" of a plot to bowl deliberate no-balls.

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The day Eastleigh FC

EASTLEIGH'S ten outfield players hurtled wildly towards their travelling support, each man momentarily completely lost in his own revelry.

The cause of such unabashed jubilation, eagerly matched by those housed in the strikingly named Ice Cream Van Stand at Gresty Road, was Ben Strevens' penalty, nonchalantly rolled past Crewe Alexandra goalkeeper Daniel Nizic, writes **PAUL McNAMARA.**

It would be the goal that secured the most famous result in the Spitfires' increasingly storied history.

Conference South champions in 2014, fourth-place finishers in their debut campaign in non-league's top flight last term, Eastleigh can now add FA Cup giant-killers to their fast-expanding list of groundbreaking exploits.

And, despite evidence to the contrary, this certainly qualified as a giant-killing.

Eying up Crewe's position at the wrong end of League One, and the disparity in Football League experience between the two sides, many neutrals would have fancied the 'underdogs' chances in Cheshire.

Nevertheless, when Chris Todd selected his team last Saturday, boasting 1,082 league starts between them, Eastleigh's manager was preparing for his club's first ever competitive fixture against a Football League outfit.

Crewe, on the other hand, were playing Championship football in 2006. While the Railwaymen were jousting with the likes of Wolves, Stoke City and Southampton nine years ago, the Spitfires were squaring up to Lewes, St Albans and Carlisle Athletic et al.

Their poor form this season notwithstanding, Crewe took on their non-league visitors a week after beating Sheffield United.

Against that backdrop, then, it wasn't particularly surprising when Todd's side spent the initial stages of their FA Cup first round tie, at their opponents' neat 10,000 capacity home, on the back foot.

This is a young, energetic Crewe team. Without any reward for their early superiority, however, the league team's strengths progressively became weaknesses that would prove their undoing.

Buoyed by their skilful navigation of the hosts' early assault, Eastleigh warmed to their task.

With Will Evans and Jamie Turley excelling in the middle of defence - the sterling form of that embryonic pairing is arguably the standout success story of Todd's reign, thus far - the Spitfires' creative talent seized the opportunity to exert themselves on their fragile opposition.

Andy Drury looked every inch the high-class midfield visionary that he is. Yemi Odubade never tired of running in behind Crewe's shaky rearguard. The dynamic Josh Payne and Jai Reason, a player who



Ross Lafayette of Eastleigh is brought down, earning his side the penalty from which they beat Crewe last weekend.



Crewe keeper Ben Garratt is sent off last weekend.

has been with Eastleigh every step of the way during their remarkable rise, began to take the game to the wobbling home team.

Still, for all that the away side was growing in stature, it required a leap of faith on behalf of the Eastleigh fans watching on to believe

that their team was going to go the whole hog - and actually win the game.

After all, on the corresponding weekend two years previously, the Spitfires needed a late strike to sneak a victory against Farnborough.

Todd played in that game. So too Strevens, Reason, and goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Now, here they were carrying the hopes of the 293 people in the away section at Gresty Road. Did they have the necessary conviction to see the job through?

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C will never forget



Josh Payne breaks into the Crewe area.



Yemi Odubade is brought down outside the area by Ben Garratt, leading to the keeper's red card.

Of course they did. Todd had no doubt that his men would add Crewe to the scalps they have been hurriedly accumulating since this impressive young Welshman took the Spitfires' helm in September.

Wrexham and Tranmere have been dispatched on their own turf. A draw at Cheltenham really could

have been more.

With the wind behind them following those results, and propelled by the sheer momentum of a club on the up, Eastleigh emerged after the interval at Crewe to take advantage of a side whose trajectory is going in the opposite direction to their own.

The second-half rush of blood that saw home 'keeper Ben Garratt charge from his area and wipe out the advancing Odubade was indicative of his team's frazzled state-of-mind.

Encouragement had rained down from the Gresty Road stands during Crewe's bright opening. As

they watched a National League team that they knew little, if anything, about, gain the upper-hand, however, the formerly approving Alex supporters turned.

The festering frustration and inner fury that is never far away when you watch your football team lose on a regular basis manifested itself in an outpouring of dissent towards manager Steve Davis.

The spirited but callow players that fill this Crewe side wilted; their earlier poise and enthusiasm visibly draining with each minute that passed.

When Garratt's replacement, Nizic, dragged down Eastleigh sub Ross Lafayette in the box, matters were approaching a crescendo.

Stevens, the most deserving of match-winners, finished from 12-yards with the type of assurance that wouldn't typically be reserved for a kick of such magnitude.

Eastleigh's progress into round two was seemingly guaranteed. Unable to capitalise on a host of late chances to kill the tie, however, the Spitfires were made to suffer a few heart-stopping moments before they could embark on a prolonged rerun of the scenes that greeted Stevens' decisive effort.

The home supporters, meanwhile, resumed their calls for Davis to be axed. Hostilities were suspended however, as the victorious players eventually trooped off towards their dressing room; the remaining Crewe fans in the ground applauding every one of their favourite's conquerors from the field.

Todd popped up on national radio on Sunday morning, and then on the country's television screens at the second-round draw the following night, where he admitted that his team had pulled a winnable tie from the hat – at Northern Premier Division outfit Stourbridge.

It is a clash that the competition's broadcasters have declined to show live, despite the enticing prize at stake for two non-league teams – a place in the third round, where any one of Chelsea, Manchester United or Arsenal could lie in wait.

Some recognition for the gravity of this contest to both clubs, though, will come in the shape of BBC One's Football Focus being aired from the Midlands club's War Memorial Ground prior to kick-off on Saturday December 5.

Such is the escalating support for the Spitfires that demand for the 300 tickets available for the match at Stourbridge has outstripped supply, a phenomenon that even ultra ambitious Eastleigh owner Stewart Donald couldn't have foreseen when he rode into town in February 2012.

Likewise Todd, who made his first outing in a Spitfires jersey in front of a crowd of 606 at the Silverlake Stadium in January 2013.

Todd freely admits that he didn't know a great deal about the club back then. He does now. And after his team's efforts at Crewe, so do many thousands more.

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In addition, former world number two Test bowler Mohammad Asif received a 12-month prison term for delivering one of the fraudulent no-balls, and 19-year-old Mohammad Amir, who had been tipped to become one of the all-time great fast bowlers, was detained for six months in a young offenders' institution after he admitted bowling two intentional no-balls.

SNOOKER

In September 2013, former world number five Stephen Lee was banned for 12 years after being found guilty of seven charges of match-fixing.

Backdated to October 2012, the ban means Lee, who recently turned 41, will not be able to participate in the sport again until 2024.

He was ordered to pay a total of £125,000 in costs in 2014 after failing in his appeal to overturn the punishment.

RUGBY UNION

In August 2009 former Harlequins director of rugby Dean Richards was handed a global three-year ban from



Dean Richards

coaching after he masterminded the 'Bloodgate' scandal, which saw wing Tom Williams fake a blood injury during the Heineken Cup defeat to Leinster in April that year.

Williams burst a fake blood capsule in his mouth so that substituted drop-goal specialist Nick Evans could re-enter the field of play with Quins trailing 6-5.

Richards was found to have orchestrated a cover-up that saw Williams' mouth deliberately cut in the dressing room to hide the offence.

It was also found that Richards and then-Quins physiotherapist Steph Brennan had faked blood injuries on four previous occasions.

Williams was handed a 12-month ban, reduced to four months after he revealed he was acting under orders from Richards and Brennan.

RACING

In April 2013 Godolphin trainer Mahmood Al Zarooni was disqualified for eight years after admitting administering anabolic steroids to horses in his care.

The British Horseracing Authority also banned 15 horses trained by Al Zarooni for six months.

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Football fixtures for the week ahead

Monday, November 16

FA CUP

First round proper replay: Boreham Wood v Northwich Victoria.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Hungerford v Redditch.

Division One South & West: Burnham v Banbury.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

Third round: Team Solent v QK Southampton.

Tuesday, November 17

FA CUP

First round proper replays: Oldham v Mansfield, Newport County v Brackley, Morecambe v Dagenham & Redbridge, Oxford Utd v Brantree.

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Maldstone v Wealdstone, Margate v Bath City, Truro v Basingstoke.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bideford v Weymouth, Biggleswade v Dunstable, Chippenham v Poole, Kettering v Leamington, Kings Lynn v Hitchin, St Neots v Bedworth, Stratford v Merthyr Town.

Division One South & West: AFC Totton v Larkhall, Didcot v Mangotsfield, Marlow v Winchester City, Swindon Supermarine v Evesham, Tiverton v Shortwood, Yate v Bishops Cleeve.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Alresford v Andover Town.

Division One: Laverstock & Ford v Tadley Calleva.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

Second round: Blackfield & Langley v Bemerton HH, Folland Sports v Otterbourne, Gosport Borough v Cowes Sports, Moneyfields v Ringwood Town.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round: US Portsmouth v AFC Portchester.

Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Team Solent.

Division One: Verwood Town v Downton.

NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP

First round: Andover Lions v Alresford Town.

Wednesday, November 18

FA CUP

First round proper replay: Bradford City v Aldershot Town (BT Sport).

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Frome v Dorchester.

Division One South & West: Slimbridge v North Leigh.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Sholing v Bournemouth Poppies.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

Second round: AFC Portchester v Romsey Town.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

First round: Brockenhurst v Hythe & Dibden.

NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP

First round: Whitchurch Utd v Stockbridge.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, first round: Wimborne Town v Sholing.

John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: Winchester City v Tadley Calleva.

Thursday, November 19

FA CUP

First round proper replay: Maidenhead Utd v Port Vale (BT Sport).

Saturday, November 21

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Premier Division: Wrexham, Altrincham v Boreham Wood, Braintree v Kidderminster Harries, Cheltenham v Forest Green Rovers, Chester v Woking, Dover v Barrow, Eastleigh v Grimsby, Gateshead v FC Halifax Town, Macclesfield v Bromley, Torquay v Lincoln, Tranmere v Guiseley, Welling v Southport.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, first round: Overton v Winchester Castle.

ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP

First round: Frimley Select v Headley Utd; second round: AFC Petersfield v Sandhurst Town Res.

NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP

First round: Overton v Winchester Castle.

ALDERSHOT JUNIOR CUP

Second round: Headley Utd A v Liphook Utd Res.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Moneyfields, Sholing v Petersfield Town.

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Non league FOOTBALL

Former Stags boss leaves after 15 losses

BASHLEY have reluctantly accepted the resignation of manager Steve Riley.

The former AFC Totton boss decided to step down in the wake of last Saturday's 5-1 defeat at Burnham, which made it 15 losses from 15 games for the Southern One South & West basement boys, writes Wendy Gee.

Paul Morris, who has previously helped the club in times of trouble, has stepped up from his coaching role to become caretaker boss but it is only expected to be a short-term arrangement with the club already lining up a successor this week.

With most players already fixed up elsewhere, Riley took on a near impossible task when he returned to Bashley Road after a three-year absence towards the end of July.

He took over the reins from former Chelsea defender David Stride who had only been in charge for 40 days when Bashley cited a "run of poor pre-season results and lack of player signings" as the reason for his dismissal.

In his previous seven-year stint with Bashley, Southampton-based Riley had led them to the 2006/07 Southern One South & West title and promotion to the Southern Premier.

But this time he inherited a side that finished rock bottom in 2014/15 and only held onto their Southern League status because Sholing and Clevedon dropped out.

Great shame

Club chairman Tim Allan said: "It's a great shame that things didn't work out as expected for Steve. He is a really genuine person who I hold a great deal of respect for."

"I wish Steve all the best for the future."

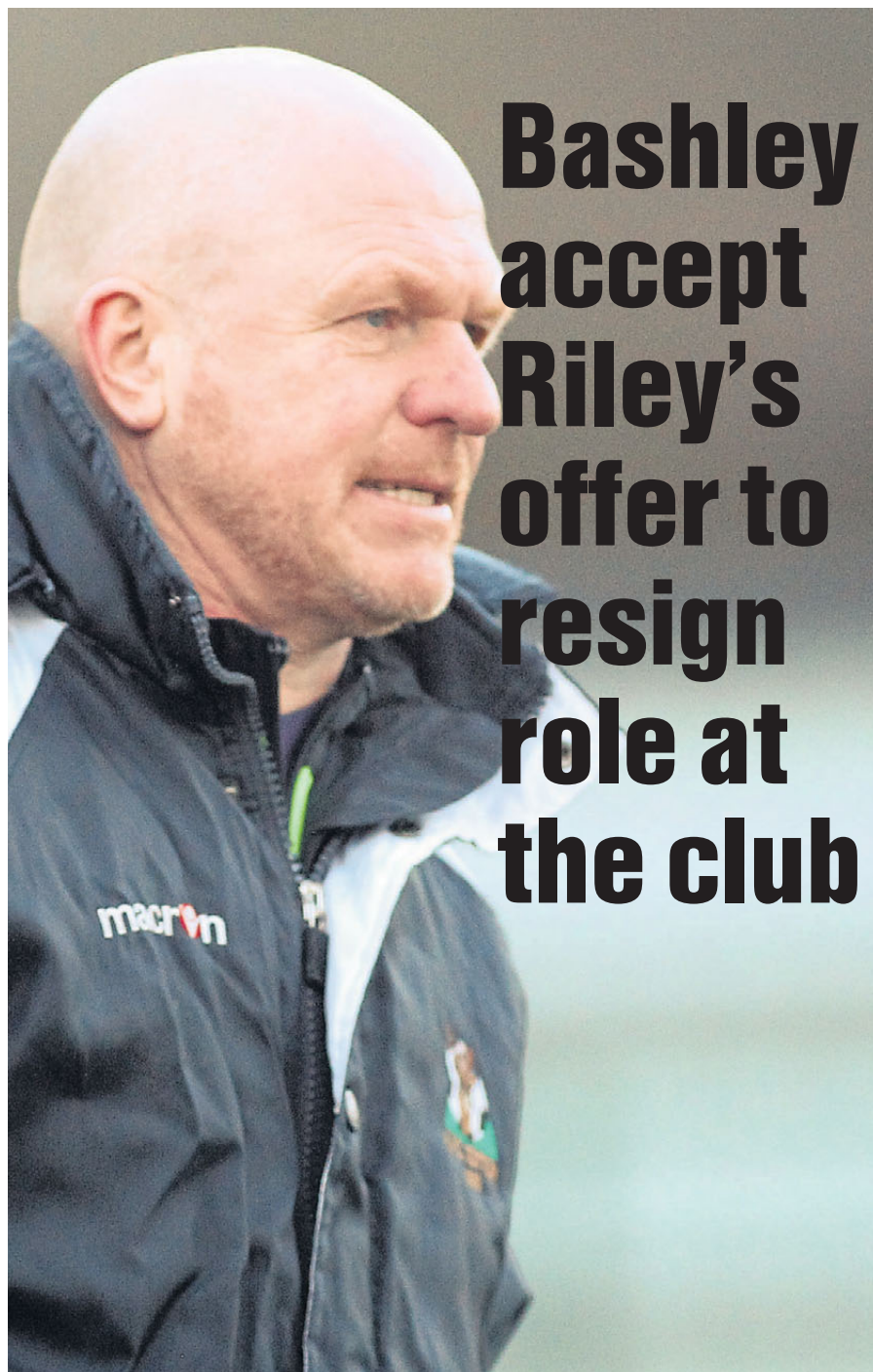
"He didn't really want to come back into football. He was happy to have a break from the sport and, coupled with the late start to the season as far as changes with the board and manager (were concerned), these things didn't help the cause."

"It's difficult to attract experienced players to a team that has no points on the board. We have many youngsters with talent but they need help from experienced players to bring them on. Everyone has been putting everything into it but it's just not been working for some reason."

"The board felt it was time to see what could be done before it was too late."

"After talking with Steve on Sunday he offered to stand down in the best interests of the club if the board felt it could help."

"It was a hard decision to accept



Bashley boss Steve Riley stepped down in the wake of last Saturday's 5-1 defeat at Burnham.

as Steve has so much experience. His love and passion for the club will be missed."

Bashley travelled to Burnham with high hopes of turning the corner against a club who are

themselves enduring hard times, but it was not to be.

It started well enough with Carl Foster scoring after eight minutes, but went badly downhill as the Foresters sank further into

the South & West mire on a heavy, soggy pitch at The Gore.

Goals by Tre Mitford (2), Andrew Harewood, Charles Barton and Kensley Maloney clinched Burnham's first win in five.

Murphy to give a talk

EASTLEIGH secretary Ray Murphy will be guest speaker at the November meeting of the Southampton Referees' Association.

'Murph' will talk about his

role in the club, Eastleigh's meteoric rise from the Wessex to the National League and their success in the league and FA Cup this season.

The meeting will be held

in the Dell Cafe Bar next Thursday, November 19, from 7pm for a 7.30pm start).

All are welcome, especially any referees/students not attached to a referees' society.

Non league FOOTBALL



Hat-trick hero Ashley Jarvis (far right) celebrates with his Salisbury teammates.

Salisbury show their class in 7-0 cup thrashing

SALISBURY toiled for 36 minutes before opening the scoring against Mere Town in the Wiltshire Senior Cup last Saturday.

But class eventually told as Steve Claridge's men went on to beat their Wiltshire-based Dorset League visitors 7-0 in front of a 510-strong Ray Mac crowd to claim a quarter-final berth.

Experienced forward Robbie Matthews opened the scoring and Eddie Perrett made it 2-0 before the break.

No doubt chastened by a few choice words from Claridge, the Sydenhams

Premier leaders began the second half with more urgency and within three minutes, Ashley Jarvis struck from the penalty spot after Taurean Roberts had been brought down.

Roberts was influential again in the fourth, his low cross finding ex-Saint Dan Demkiv to drive the ball through a crowded goalmouth.

Jarvis got the fifth after Roberts had held up Demkiv's cross and, four minutes later, the ex-Follands and Sholing sharpshooter completed his hat-trick.

Perrett had the last word, running at the

visitors' defence and drawing a second penalty which he duly converted.

Mere, who had a penalty saved by Whites' keeper Nathan Ball at 3-0 down, forced a goalline clearance from George Colson late on before rattling the Salisbury bar.

Laverstock & Ford advanced with a 4-0 win over Amesbury, but Downton bowed out 2-0 at home to Trowbridge.

Bemerton Heath Harlequins will have to wait until November 21 to see if they get through as they face an away trip to Chippenham Park.

Attacker follows old boss over to Moneys

STRIKER Nathan Paxton has followed his old Horndean boss Dave Carter across to Sydenhams Premier Division rivals Moneyfields.

Paxton banged in 26 goals for the Deans last season and has hit half a dozen so far this term.

"He is 6ft 1in, good in the air and quick," said Carter.

"With him, Steve Hutchings, Rudi Plummer and Kieran Stephens, we have plenty of attacking options at our disposal."

Paxton is one of several players to have left Horndean since Carter replaced Miles Rutherford at the Moneys helm. Without him, the Deans – now managed by Craig Pearce – were turfed out of the Sydenhams Wessex League Cup 2-1 after extra-time at Sydenhams One leaders Portland United last Saturday.

The island hosts took a 15th-minute lead when Ross Dudge swept home Ed Bastick's cross.

Horndean's Harry Potter conjured up an equaliser ten minutes after the break, but a moment of magic from Bastick sealed victory in extra-time with a spectacular dipping volley from 35 yards.

"It was a goal fitting to win any game at any level," purred Portland boss Gary Bailey as his side claimed their place in the last 16.

Above all, though, it was a great team performance by the underdogs and Bailey was determined not to let Horndean's recent player losses detract from United's moment of glory.

"I could not be any more proud of them, it was a great day for the club," he said.

"I hear all the stories about them (Horndean) losing players but, at the end of the day, they are third in the Wessex Premier League.

"Nobody could take anything away from us. The first-half performance was exceptional and we defended resiliently.

"I will not have anyone devalue that performance."

New Horndean boss Pearce felt his side had paid the price for a "lack of quality in our passing".

But much as he was disappointed to crash out of the cup, he said his priority was to get a settled squad and a settled way of playing in the league.

The Deans made a positive stride forward at Folland Sports' expense on Tuesday. They beat the Sydenhams Premier strugglers Folland Sports 3-0 at Five Heads Park through Dan Hayes and Robbie Tambling (2).

Spitfires manager Todd hails Constable after revenge win

Victory at Dover sees Eastleigh up to fourth in league

EASTLEIGH boss Chris Todd hailed James Constable "a top pro" in the wake of Tuesday's successful 2-1 revenge mission at Dover Athletic.

Just seven weeks earlier, Dover's 5-2 win at the Silverlake Stadium had proved the last straw for Todd's predecessor Richard Hill who resigned the following morning, writes Wendy Gee.

But that dark hour now seems light years away with Constable's brace inflicting third-placed Dover's first home league defeat of the season – and lifting the soaraway Spitfires to fourth in the Vanarama National League.

The former Oxford United hotshot broke the deadlock on 53 minutes with a deflected strike from the edge of the box.

Ricky Modeste levelled shortly after the hour but, just three minutes later, the Spitfires were awarded a penalty when Jai Reason was brought down by Sam Magri.

Ben Strevens, who had coolly stroked home the winning FA Cup spot kick at Crewe three days earlier, this time had his effort stopped by Andy Rafferty, diving low to his right in the Dover goal.

Strevens followed up and Rafferty parried again, but Constable's predatory instincts prevailed as he bundled home his eighth league goal of the season.

Modeste had an effort cleared off the line as Dover searched in vain for an equaliser, but it was Eastleigh who had had the pick of the first-half chances with Josh Payne's curling free kick well tipped over by Rafferty – making his first league start in place of the suspended Mitch Walker – and Will Evans heading against the underside of the bar from a corner.

Hailing 31-year-old Constable a "natural goalscorer", a delighted Todd said: "James has got such a pedigree behind him and he's a massive asset to the football club.



"A TOP PRO": Eastleigh's James Constable, right.

"He showed what he does best. "When he gets a chance, he'll take it.

"The second goal, off the penalty, just goes to show what he's about.

"He gambles and he was the first one on the end of it when it got saved by the 'keeper.

"That's James all over. He's a top pro."

Constable played 70 minutes of Saturday's historic 1-0 FA Cup first round victory at League One Crewe before making way for sub Ross Lafayette, who fouled for Strevens' match-winning spot kick.

"James was a little bit disappointed to be taken off because that's the type of character he is," Todd revealed. "He showed today [Tuesday], starting again, that he's hungry and he wants to be successful."

Non league FOOTBALL



Josh Dutton-Black in his Totton days.

Town go from FA Cup dreams to league nightmare

EX-SAINT Josh Dutton-Black and Didcot Town were brought crashing back to earth with a bump on Tuesday night.

Fresh from starring on TV in the FA Cup first round against Exeter City, the Railwaymen of Oxfordshire were torn apart 5-1 at Tiverton in the Evo-Stik Southern One South & West.

It was a night of highs and lows for Dutton-Black who was part of Southampton's successful academy side of 2005 that won the league and reached the FA Youth Cup final.

The 27-year-old winger, who also played for AFC Totton and Eastleigh, gave Didcot the lead, displaying good technique to volley

the ball into the top corner, with the aid of slight deflection, from 20 yards.

But Tiverton hit back for 2-1 and Dutton-Black then blotted his copy book by picking up a red card for kicking out at James Richards.

That spelt the end of Didcot's resistance as Tivvy raced away for a convincing victory at Ladysmead.

Matthews plays on

FORMER Eastleigh goalkeeper Jason Matthews played through the pain barrier during Weymouth's superb 3-1 Southern Premier Division win at Merthyr Town last Saturday.

Matthews, player-manager of the Terras, sustained a heel injury in the first half and played on until eventually handing the gloves to striker Stewart Yetton in the latter stages.

"I came down awkwardly on the back of it," Matthews explained.

"I did it in the first half and couldn't stay on any longer.

"I was in a bit of pain.

"Obviously when the third goal went in I could leave the gloves in safe hands with Yetts!"

Explaining the decision not to include number two goalkeeper Steve Boore on the bench, Matthews added: "In a lot of vital games we do put a keeper on the bench. It's just a gamble I usually take and on Saturday I got away with it."

Weymouth consolidated their position in the play-off places by coming back from behind to win through ex-Salisbury City duo Chris Shephard (2) and Adam Kelly.

Boore took the gloves on Tuesday as the Terras maintained winning habits, knocking Poole Town out of the Red Insure Cup 2-1 through Kelly and Mark Molesley.

● **VETERAN** ex-Eastleigh striker Deon Burton had banged in five goals in 29 FA Cup ties with nine different clubs prior to this season.

Had the 39-year-old scored last Saturday, he would have doubled that tally to ten in the space of just four ties with his latest club Worcester City.

But, having netted in every previous round this term – including both goals in City's fourth qualifying round win at Gateshead – Burton's scoring exploits dried up as Worcester bowed out 3-0 at Nigel Adkins League One outfit Sheffield United.

Adkins' men will play the winners of Mansfield Town vs. Oldham Athletic in round two.



Nigel Adkins.

Goalkeeping duo are giving Winchester welcome boost

Snelling and Norris earning club's high praise

DAVE Malone believes Winchester City now have the best pair of goalkeepers he has seen in his time with the club.

While City have had some outstanding stoppers in Malone's two spells as director of football, FA Vase winner Simon Arthur and the evergreen Dave Hook to name but two, they have not had two together.

And it comes as a pleasant surprise to the Winchester chief that a potentially problematic position for the Citizens is now overflowing with talent.

Former Basingstoke Town youngster Brendan Norris has exceeded all expectations so far this term and he now has solid back-up in the shape of ex-Romsey stopper Brad Snelling, recently signed from Whitchurch United.

Norris, who hails from Canada, was one of two keepers signed by City during the summer when, due to their late promotion to the Southern League, Ryan Gosney was unable to commit.

The other contender for the number one shirt, Jake Sommerville, lasted only a couple games, since when Norris has made the spot his own.

"At the start of the season, we were desperate to find someone else, but the young lad has been a revelation," said Malone. "He's ever so brave and I can't talk highly enough of him. He's got a fine future."

Snelling kept up the good work on Tuesday, saving a penalty on his debut in City's 5-2 Red Insure Cup win at AFC Totton.

"Brad's been back and played some games for Whitchurch since he signed for us, but we've got two really good keepers now," said Malone. "In my time they're the best two I can remember as a pair."

Winchester, meanwhile, have



PAIR OF ACES: Winchester City goalkeepers Brendan Norris and, inset, Brad Snelling.

lodged notice of approach with troubled Southern One South & West rivals Wimborne Town for winger Carl Preston.

With Wimborne planning to slash their playing budget by more than 40 per cent and manager Steve Cuss seemingly heading for the exit door, City have made their move for the 24-year-old former AFC Bournemouth wide man.

Preston made two first-team appearances for Cherries and had a pre-season spell with Eastleigh following his release from Dean Court in 2009.

A brief stint at Weymouth followed before he caught the eye of several higher league clubs in a successful six-year stay with his home town club Poole. He has been with Wimborne since August this year.

Malone said: "We're short of a left-sided player and Carl is decent. We put seven days in for him on Monday and we'll see where it goes."

With new midfielder Lewis Fennimore from Moneyfields settling in, it looks as if Micky Hubbard could be signing dual registration forms with Sydenhams Premier out-

fit Lymington Town.

New in at City is Hallam Basker from Croydon FC who scored twice against Totton on Tuesday.

"The kid hasn't played for six months, but I believe he was at AFC Wimbledon at one point and went to Dover and got injured," Malone explained.

"He played 70 minutes against Totton and he's as quick as you like.

"He reminds me a lot of a lad we had at Eastleigh called Andrew White. He looks like he might be a player, but it's early days."

Non league FOOTBALL



MIDWEEK SENDING OFF: Adam Lowther, left

T&E boss praises 'streetwise' team

ANDY Tipp would not argue with Ringwood Town boss Charlie Pierson's assessment that Totton & Eling "kind of wound us up" in last Saturday's Sydenhams One showdown at the Martin & Co Stadium. Ringwood let slip a two-goal lead in a 4-2 defeat by the Millers, a result made even more unpalatable by the fact that they had two players sent off for second bookable offences.

Matt Steer and Sean Leadbetter had put the hosts in control, but a Sam House penalty, his 16th goal in 13 games, hauled the Millers back into it before the break.

Byron Gharibian and a Ben'yela Ngwa brace completed the T&E turnaround and, to add insult to injury, Leadbetter and Mike Johnson were both dismissed.

Pierson said: "They couldn't touch us in the first 20 minutes but after that they kind of wound us up and we were very naive and rose to it."

"Unfortunately we lost our heads and it wasn't a good day."

"We were plagued by injuries and all of the changes I made were due to those injuries rather than anything tactical."

"But I don't want to take anything away from Totton because they deserved to win the game."

T&E chairman Tipp felt it was a fair assessment by Pierson, but said: "They picked up quite a few bookings in the first half which didn't help them."

"We've got quite a few hot-headed players in our side and it's usually us picking up bookings."

T&E have quite a bit of experience too and they know how to get under the skin of less streetwise sides.

"It's all part and parcel of the game. You've got to be a bit cute sometimes," said Tipp.

"We've got quite a few experienced lads who've played for five years or more in the Wessex Premier and they did get in their ear a bit."

"We've got Adam Lowther, who should be playing higher, and he can get on people's nerves. His disciplinary record is shocking."

"Ringwood were well on top to start with and we were 2-0 down in 10 minutes, but they couldn't get a third goal."

The penalty just before half-time, when Steve Jenkin was upended, was a lifeline for us.

"Our players got a rocket at half time and we improved in the second half."

"Mr Tessem [43-year-old ex-Saint Jo] played a pivotal role in central midfield. He always plays better on a better surface and I have to say that the groundsman does an amazing job at Ringwood. Ours was the only game on in the division and I couldn't believe how good the pitch was. It was lovely."

Alas for T&E, things worked in reverse for them on Tuesday. From leading 2-0 at home against Amesbury through Jenkin and Ngwa, they succumbed to a 3-2 defeat with Danny Finnegan plundering the Blues' winner seven minutes into stoppage time.

It was a feisty affair with several bookings and Lowther was sent off late on after picking up a second yellow.

Sam blazing trail with 16 goals in just 13 appearances

Hotshot House on fire with his 16-goal blitz

AT THE risk of sounding corny, you could say that Totton & Eling's leading scorer is getting on like a house on fire!

So well, in fact, that Sam House is blazing a trail at the top of the Sydenhams One goal charts with 16 goals in 13 appearances, *writes Wendy Gee.*

Four of those came in the Millers' 5-1 thrashing of Laverstock & Ford last month and since then he has netted a penalty at Romsey and struck again from the spot in last Saturday's 4-2 comeback win at Ringwood Town.

Formerly with AFC Totton, House moved across the Test-wood divide to Miller Park two summers ago having been on the fringes of the action for T&E's Southern League neighbours.

"Sam is friends with Conor Thorne, the brother of our manager Lee. They played in AFC Totton's reserves together," explained chairman Andy Tipp.

"He was on the fringes of Totton's first team but he wasn't getting much of a look-in so he came across to us and we had him all of last season."

House made 11 appearances, scoring just one goal, as T&E lost their battle for Sydenhams Premier survival last term.

But he has flourished in Division One and Tipp hopes this is only the start for the slightly-built, young sharpshooter.

"Sam's only 19 or 20 and he's not the biggest, but he's ever so quick and this season he seems to be bang in form," he said.

"We pick up all the players that don't make it at AFC Totton and it's nice to get a lad who's hungry and wants to do well."

"Good luck to him. He's been on the fringes of playing higher and I just hope he stays injury-free. Being a slight lad he gets kicked a bit and tends to pick up a few injuries. We took him off just after half-time on Saturday and we have to look after him a bit."

Not since the days of Craig Feeney, who went the other way to AFC Totton, have the Millers had such a prolific scorer.

"It's good for us to have someone taking on the mantle after Craig," said Tipp. "Sam's a bit inconsistent at the moment but, on his day, he's electric."

"Lads like Sam are better off playing for us than for a reserve side and I'm sure that if



CHART TOPPER: Sam House, right.



Tim Stephenson, left, in his AFC Bournemouth days.

he keeps scoring goals, a bigger club will come in for him.

"That's how we see ourselves now, bringing young players through. We've got two under-18 sides and we won't stand in the way of players progressing."

Hopefully the bigger clubs will give us players in return."

House was ill on Tuesday and missed T&E's 3-2 home defeat by Amesbury Town.

● TOTTON & Eling believed

they had uncovered a hidden gem when they signed defender Tim Stephenson.

But, unfortunately, the big centre-back wasn't quite the 'discovery' they thought he was.

Andy Tipp, chairman of the Sydenhams One club, explained: "Tim's a friend of our right-back Callum Davies and we thought 'this is good' when he signed for us."

"But it turned out he'd played for John Pyatt at Bashley and John's now taken him to Lymington Town."

"John told us he was going to put a seven-day-in and we didn't stand in Tim's way."

"We thought when we signed him that he was under the radar and people didn't know him, but we were wrong. John was straight on it!"

"There are no hard feelings. I like John, he's done us a few favours over the years. It's just football."

Stephenson actually had a professional contract at AFC Bournemouth only to be held back by persistent thigh and knee injuries.

He joined Bashley in 2012 when his contract expired at Dean Court.

Two years ago he signed for Southern League outfit Frome Town where he linked up again with his former Cherries youth coach Brian O'Donnell.

The versatile defender did not break into Bournemouth's first team, but was named on the substitutes' bench for an FA Cup tie at Notts County.

Non league FOOTBALL



WINNER: Wes Fogden.

Ex-Havant player fires Glovers into second round

FORMER Havant & Waterlooville, Bournemouth and Portsmouth midfielder Wes Fogden fired Paul Sturrock's Yeovil Town through to the FA Cup second round in the trickiest of circumstances.

The Glovers managed a 1-0 win on Maidstone United's artificial pitch – despite having two men sent off.

Jakub Sokolik was dismissed in the seventh minute and keeper Artur Krysiak followed after the break.

But Fogden's 55th-minute winner ensured ex-Saints boss Sturrock's charges edged safely past the Vanarama National League South new boys.

Another ex-Havant player, Chesham United goalkeeper Shane Gore, was one of the heroes of the biggest first-round giant-killing.

Chesham, of the Southern Premier Division, knocked out Darrell Clarke's

League Two outfit Bristol Rovers 1-0 at the Memorial Ground, bridging a gap of 75 places between the sides.

Yeovil are at home to Stevenage Borough in the second round, while Chesham travel to the winners of the Aldershot Town/Bradford City replay.

● FARNBOROUGH'S failure to pay back money owed to creditors will see them relegated at the end of the season.

The north Hampshire club will drop one level from wherever they finish this term.

If they end the campaign outside the Ryman Premier bottom four, they will play in the Ryman South in 2016/17.

Should they finish in the relegation zone they would drop to Step 5 – most likely the Combined Counties League.

The only way Borough would remain at their current level would be in the unlikely event that they either win the

league or finish second. Should they wind up in a play-off spot they would not be permitted to participate and would be demoted.

"We always accepted we had to be punished," said Farnborough boss Spencer Day. "We are going down."

"Now the job is try to make sure it's only to the Ryman South and not the Combined Counties League."

Ryman League chairman Nick Robinson said: "This shows clubs cannot fail to pay creditors and expect to stay where they are in the system."

It wasn't all bad news for Farnborough. They won an appeal against a ruling that they would be relegated unless they paid £1,254,263 owed to creditors.

It means the club only has to pay back money they genuinely owe.

Day said: "It was an unlawful ruling asking us to pay money we didn't owe."

Poku's brilliant Hawks debut

AS DREAM debuts go, they don't get much better than Godfrey Poku's for Havant & Waterlooville on Tuesday.

Newly arrived on loan from Woking, the combative midfielder scored a hat-trick for the Hawks in their 3-1 National League South victory at Oxford City.

Fast-starter Poku burst out of the blocks to score twice in the opening eight minutes and added a third early in the second half right after Oxford had pulled one back.

But it wasn't such a great night for fellow debutant Theo Lewis, loaned from divisional rivals Ebbsfleet United, who was sent off 20 minutes from time for a late tackle.

Despite that setback the ten-man Hawks held strong to register their first away league victory of a so far depressing season. It ended a barren run of eight NLS games without a win.

Poku, who started his career at St Albans City, includes Luton Town, Southport (loan), Mansfield Town, Alfreton and AFC Telford United among his former clubs.

The 25-year-old became a cult figure at Telford for his fully-committed displays in the middle of the park, despite relegation from the Conference Premier, and signed a one-year deal for Woking in May this year.

Lewis played 24 times for Woking last season and joined Ebbsfleet for an undisclosed fee in January.

Born in Oxford, the 24-year-old gained Football League experience with Cheltenham Town after being with Reading and Chelsea as a youth. He was in the Salisbury City team that won promotion via the Conference South play-offs in 2013.

Havant's double loan swoop came in the wake of a lacklustre 4-1 defeat at Margate last Saturday which prompted manager Lee Bradbury to question certain players' commitment to the cause.

"At least four players let us down," he said. "It wasn't just lack of confidence, but also lack of effort. In too many games this season, we have not played for the whole 90 minutes."

"I want my players to wear the badge with pride and at the moment not everyone is doing that."

Fry back on the scoresheet after switch from rival side

Fawley hope new striker can bring wins to the team

DAN Fry remembered to pack his shooting boots when he returned to Fawley AFC.

In his three appearances since moving back from Waterside neighbours Hythe & Dibden, he has scored four times, *writes Wendy Gee*.

Oilers boss Richie Coxall said: "Dan's a local lad who's always been with either Hythe or Fawley."

"He was with us as a young man and he's someone I've admired for a long time, but he was committed to Hythe because his brother Aaron was second-team manager there."

"But Aaron's with us now, working with Lee Shepherd running the reserves, so it's like 'buy one get one free!'"

"They both know our lads, so they fit in well."

Although Fawley are still having trouble holding onto leads, at least they now have someone finding the net on a regular basis.

"Dan's just what we'd been looking for," said Coxall. "We were creating chances but we'd been struggling to turn them into goals."

Fawley's costly habit of conceding late goals shows no sign of abating, however.

For the umpteenth time in recent weeks they got themselves into a winning position against Whitchurch United last Saturday only to let the Jam Boys back for a 2-2 Sydenhams Premier draw courtesy of a Danny Phillips penalty and Scott Hassell.

Goals by Fry and Dan Mellor separated the sides at half-time but Cox-



Fawley AFC.

all's dressing room instructions seemingly fell on deaf ears.

"The message was to keep it nice and tight in the first ten minutes of the second half because we were bound to get a reaction from Whitchurch," he said.

"But then we flapped in the penalty area, should have cleared our lines and didn't and ended up conceding a penalty within ten minutes of the restart."

"That got them right back in it, which was just what we wanted to avoid."

"They put lots of pressure on and our goalkeeper Michael Edgar made some good saves to keep it at 2-1, but

then they got an equaliser in time added on."

"We failed to clear our lines again and conceded a free kick on the edge of our area and the equalising goal came from that."

Hand on heart, Coxall can't pinpoint exactly why Fawley keep committing football hara-kiri, but he said: "Every other week we're finding ourselves in the same position."

"We go in front and then give the lead away."

"The lads don't do it on purpose but perhaps it's mind over matter because it's happened so many times before."

"We tend to drop deeper and then a

bit of panic sets in."

"It's not that we aren't playing well, we are, and maybe one of these days we'll score two in each half!"

"I feel for the players. We keep putting ourselves in strong positions and failing to get over the line."

"All their good work is being undone late on."

"I don't think it's a fitness thing with us, although maybe we did tire a bit on the heavy pitch last week."

"Their goalkeeper was kicking the ball long and the inclination was to defend deeper, but we couldn't keep possession."

"We tried to take the pressure off but it never quite materialised."

Non-league Football



Blackfield in groove ahead of Vase test

BLACKFIELD & Langley prepared for today's twice-postponed FA Vase tie at Plymouth Parkway with a 2-0 win over Fareham Town at Gang Warily.

The Watersiders scored a goal in each half through Dan Munday and Rico Wilson and, in between, Ekow Elliott missed a penalty.

Glenn Howes' Blackfield moved up to fourth, six points behind joint leaders Salisbury and Andover Town with two games in hand.

Former AFC Totton forward Zac Moulard gave Lyminster Town a first-half lead at Cowes Sports. But the New Forest outfit had Luke Ansell sent off before Jordan Browne steered the sixth-placed Yachtsmen back on course for a 1-1 draw.

Team Solent also had to content themselves with a point from a 0-0 stalemate at Bournemouth Poppies.

The Victoria Park hosts played well over an hour with ten men after having goalkeeper Elliot Broome sent off for handling outside the area, but the nearest Solent came to scoring was when Matt Sheedy struck the bar from distance.

Folland Sports ended a dismal night at Horndean reduced to ten men and on the end of a 3-0 beating. Dan Hayes put the Dean 1-0 up at half-time and two-goal Robbie Tambling did the rest.

The Mason brothers showed Whitchurch United no mercy as



Dan Munday (green/white) was on target for Blackfield & Langley against Fareham Town

Sholing rose to fourth in the Sydenhams Premier Division with a 3-0 win at Longmeadow on Wednesday night.

The Jam Boys buckled in the face of a strong first-half performance from the Boatmen who did all the damage in the opening 42 minutes.

Top scorer Dan Mason opened the scoring on 21 minutes, rob-

b- ing a defender before finishing with aplomb.

His second goal, 13 minutes later, was even better as he smashed home an unstoppable 30-yarder for his 21st goal of the season.

Big brother Byron finished the job, heading home a corner from set-piece maestro Kev Brewster. Brockenhurst skipper Mark

Barker hit an eight-minute hat-trick to wipe out Craig Hardy's opener for AFC Porchester at Grigg Lane, but it wasn't enough to secure victory for the Badgers.

Graham Rix's Royals hit back through Joe Noakes and a late Jason Parish leveller either side of having Rob Evans sent off in the 3-3 Sydenhams Premier draw.



Kemp makes Heath vow

GRAHAM Kemp has reassured Bemerton Heath Harlequins fans that he will turn results around.

The Harlequins were crushed 4-0 at home by Newport IoW in the Sydenhams Premier Division on Tuesday – their fourth straight league defeat which has seen them leak an alarming 17 goals.

It drops them to 13th in the table and former Christchurch, Dorchester and Winchester City boss Kemp, pictured above, admitted: "At this moment in time, we're clearly not good enough."

"We are low on confidence defensively and we don't look like scoring either."

"We need to regroup and get back to how we were at the start of the season."

"It's a worrying run, but I am confident we will turn things round."

Bemerton kept things tight until the stroke of half-time when a woeful pass was intercepted and Connor Kelly cashed in.

Kelly turned provider for Jimmi Burton to make it 2-0 to the Islanders and Burton soon struck again with a left-footed effort into the bottom corner.

Liam Triggs, who had set Burton up for his second, compounded Bemerton's misery with a fourth.

Traynor: I will return to Utd

MANAGER Shane Traynor has confirmed he will return to the Hamworthy United hot seat – he just isn't sure when.

Traynor announced he would be stepping down as Hammers boss before meeting with club officials prior to their 2-1 Dorset Senior Cup victory at Swanage Town & Herston ten days ago.

It was agreed that youth team boss Adrian Perry would take temporary charge of first-team affairs at the Sydenhams Premier Division club until Traynor was ready to return.

"I never wanted to walk away from the club and when I met with the committee they made it clear they would do everything they could to support me because they appreciated the job I had done," said Traynor.

"The players held a meeting and said they wanted me to stay as well, so it was impossible to say 'no'."

"Adrian has agreed to hold the fort until the time is right for me to step back in."

"The support from everyone has been fantastic."

Traynor, a former AFC Bournemouth youth coach, has been in charge of the Hammers for ten months having taken over from Stewart Kearn at the turn of the calendar year.

Cuss sticks to his guns over Wimborne exit

No dramatic U-turn over manager's role this time

STEVE Cuss says a combination of work commitments and disappointing results were key factors in his decision to quit as manager of Wimborne Town.

Cuss, pictured right, tendered his resignation after Saturday's 3-0 defeat to Slimbridge and his departure looked set to be formally rubber-stamped following a meeting of the board of directors this week.

Although Cuss remains a club director, he was not due to attend the meeting, *writes Ned Payne.*

Magpies chiefs had hoped Cuss would perform a dramatic U-turn over his position for the second time this season, despite Wimborne's perilous position just

above the Southern South & West relegation zone.

However, the former Poole Town assistant manager and first-team coach, who heads up Cherries' community trust, has stuck with his original verdict and elected to end a four-and-a-half year spell at Cuthbury.

Cuss told the *Sports Pink's* sister paper, The (Bournemouth) *Daily Echo*: "I won't be returning to the club. I made the decision on Saturday and I haven't budged – it's the right decision."

"There were probably an accumulation of reasons. When you are in the manager's role it consumes your life and it's draining.

As much as I love it, it was taking up a huge amount of time and I also have a day job which was getting increasingly busy."

"I'm not going to hide and ignore that results have not been as good as I would have liked. That was a factor in it. There's no doubt that if you are getting results then things look a little bit rosier."

"I've spent a lot of time on the field coaching players and I feel that they need a different voice and someone with some new ideas, so that probably contributed to my decision as well."

"It was a difficult thing to leave because I care about the football club and the players."



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Sept 19 Sunderland (H)W 2-0
Wilson Ritchie	
Sept 22 Preston (LC 3rd rd, A)D 2-2
Pugh, McDonald	
Won 3-2 on penalties	
Sept 26 Stoke City (A)	.....L 2-1
Gosling	
Oct 3 Watford (H)	.....D 1-1
Murray	
Oct 17 Manchester City (A)	.....L 1-5
Murray	
Oct 25 Tottenham Hotspur (H)	....L 1-5
Ritchie	
Oct 28 Liverpool (LC 4th rd)	.....L 0-1
Nov 1 Southampton (A)	.....L 0-2
Nov 7 Newcastle United (H)	.....L 0-1
Nov 21 Swansea City	.....A
Nov 28 Everton	.....H
Dec 5 Chelsea	.....A
Dec 12 Manchester United	.....H
Dec 19 West Bromwich Albion	.....A
Dec 26 Crystal Palace	.....H
Dec 28 Arsenal	.....H
Jan 2 Leicester	.....A
Jan 12 West Ham United	.....H
Jan 16 Norwich City	.....H
Jan 23 Sunderland	.....A
Feb 2 Crystal Palace	.....A
Feb 6 Arsenal	.....A
Feb 13 Stoke City	.....H
Feb 27 Watford	.....A
Mar 1 Southampton	.....H
Mar 5 Newcastle United	...A
Mar 12 Swansea City	.....H
Mar 19 Tottenham Hotspur	.....A
April 2 Manchester City	.....H
April 9 Aston Villa	.....A
April 16 Liverpool	.....H
April 23 Chelsea	.....H
April 30 Everton	.....A
May 7 West Bromwich Albion	.....H
May 15 Manchester United	.....A

POMPEY 2015/16 League 2	
Aug 8 Dag & Red (H)	.....W 3-0
Bennett 2, Evans	
Aug 12 Derby (LC 1st , H)	.....W 2-1
McGurk, Chaplin	
Aug 15 Plymouth (A)	.....W 2-1
Tubbs, Roberts	
Aug 18 Crawley (A)	.....D 0-0
Aug 22 Morecambe (H)	.....D 3-3
Roberts 2 Stockley	
Aug 25 Reading (LC 2nd, H)	....L 1-2
Chaplin	
Aug 29 Luton (A)	.....W 2-1
Evans, Tubbs	
Sept 1 Exeter (FLT, A)	.....L 0-2
Sept 5 Accrington (H)	.....D 0-0
Sept 12 Barnet (H)	.....W 3-1
Chaplin 2 McGurk	
Sept 19 Oxford Utd (A)	....D 1-1
McGurk	
Sept 26 Bristol Rovers (A)	....W 2-1
Evans Stockley	
Sept 29 Exeter (H)	.....L 1-2
Roberts	
Oct 3 Yeovil (H)	.....D 0-0
Oct 10 Cambridge Utd (A)	....W 3-1
Tubbs 3	
Oct 17 Newport County (A)	....W 1-0
Tubbs	
Oct 20 Stevenage (H)	.....D 1-1
Chaplin	
Oct 24 Mansfield (H)	.....D 0-0
Oct 31 Notts County. (A)	.....L 1-2
Lavery	
Nov 7 Macclesfield (FAC1, H)	..W 2-1
McGurk 2	
Nov 14 Wimbledon	.....H
Nov 21 Carlisle	.....A
Nov 24 York City	.....H
Nov 28 Wycombe	.....A
Dec 12 Hartlepool	.....H
Dec 19 Northampton	.....A
Dec 26 Leyton Orient	.....A
Dec 28 Luton	.....H
Jan 2 Crawley	.....H
Jan 9 Morecambe	.....A
Jan 16 Accrington	.....A
Jan 23 Oxford Utd	.....H
Jan 30 Barnet	.....A
Feb 6 Leyton Orient	.....H
Feb 13 Bristol Rovers	.....H
Feb 20 Yeovil	.....A
Feb 27 Cambridge Utd	.....H
Mar 1 Exeter	.....A
Mar 5 Stevenage	.....A
Mar 12 Newport County	...H
Mar 19 Mansfield	.....A
Mar 25 Notts County	.....H
Mar 28 Wimbledon	.....A
Apr 2 Carlisle	.....H
Apr 9 Dag & Red	.....A
Apr 16 Plymouth	.....H
Apr 19 York	.....A
Apr 23 Wycombe	.....H

EASTLEIGH 2015/16 Conference National	
Aug 8 Southport (A)	.....W 4-0
Reason, Turley, Strevens, Constable	
Aug 11 Boreham Wood (H)	...W 1-0
Constable	
Aug 15 Lincoln (H)	.....D 1-1
Constable	
Aug 18 Welling (A)	.....D 2-2
Constable Strevens	
Aug 22 Macclesfield (H)	....W 1-0
Lafayette	
Aug 29 Aldershot (A)	.....W 2-1
Constable Cook	
Aug 31 Torquay (H)	.....W 3-2
Odubade, Cook, Payne	
Sept 5 Barrow (A)	.....L 0-1
Sept 12 Gateshead (H)	.....L 1-2
Own Goal	
Sept 15 Altrincham (A)	.....D 1-1
Odubade	
Sept 19 Chester (A)	.....L 0-1
Sept 22 Dover (H)	.....L 2-5
Lafayette Cook	
Sept 26 Wrexham (A)	....W 3-2
Reason Drury Strevens	
Oct 3 Braintree (H)	.....L 0-2
Oct 10 Tranmere (A)	.....W 2-1
Partington Constable	
Oct 13 Forest Green (H)	....W 3-2
Odubade 2, Lafayette	
Oct 17 Cheltenham (A)	.....D 1-1
Lafayette	
Oct 24 Bromley (FAC, A)	....W 2-1
Odubade, Reason	
Oct 31 Halifax (H)	.....W 2-1
Drury, Payne	
Nov 7 Crewe (FAC1 , A)	....W 1-0
Strevens (pen)	
Nov 10 Dover (A)	.....W 2-1
Constable 2	
Nov 14 Guiseley	.....A
Nov 21 Grimsby	.....H
Nov 28 Southport	.....H
Dec 5 Macclesfield	.....A
Dec 19 Kidderminster	.....H
Dec 26 Bromley	.....A
Dec 28 Aldershot	.....H
Jan 2 Bromley	.....H
Jan 9 Kidderminster	.....A
Jan 23 Boreham Wood	....A
Jan 30 Wrexham	.....H
Feb 6 Lincoln City	.....A
Feb 13 Barrow	.....H
Feb 16 Gateshead	.....A
Feb 20 Forest Green	...A
Feb 27 Woking	.....H
Mar 1 Cheltenham	.....H
Mar 5 Braintree	.....A
Mar 12 Chester	.....H
Mar 19 Halifax	.....A
Mar 26 Welling	.....H
Mar 28 Torquay	.....A
Apr 2 Guiseley	.....H
Apr 9 Grimsby	.....A
Apr 16 Altrincham	.....H
Apr 23 Tranmere	.....H
Apr 30 Woking	.....A

Winchester 2015/16 Southern League Div 1 SW	
Aug 8 Bridgwater (H)	.....W 7-2
Bentley 5 Glasspool 2	
Aug 11 Wimborne Town (A)	...W 6-5
Barron, Bentley 4, Short	
Aug 15 Yate Town (A)	.....D 0-0
Aug 19 Marlow (H)	.....W 6-1
Glasspool 2, Flookes, Short, Tomasso 2	
Aug 22 Evesham United (A)	....L 0-1
Aug 29 Wincanton (FAC, H)	...W 5-1
Dunn, Flookes, Glasspool, Barron, Bentley	
Aug 31 AFC Totton (H)	.....W 3-1
Bentley 2 Diaper	
Sept 5 Mangotsfield (A)	.....D 2-2
Flookes, Barron	
Sept 12 Swindon (A, FAC)	....W 4-0
Bentley 2 Barron Cann	
Sept 19 Cinderford Town (H)	...D 0-0
Sept 23 Folland (HSC, H)	....W 5-1
Bentley 2, Flookes 2, Barron	
Sept 26 Maidenhead (FAC, H)	.....D 1-1
Glasspool	
Sept 29 Maidenhead (FACR, A)	.....L 2-4
Bentley 2	
Oct 10 Swindon Sup (A)	.....L 1-2
Cann	
Oct 14 Petersfield (RIC, A)	....W 4-2
og, Bentley, Bosma, Roberts a	
Oct 17 Banbury United (H)	....W 4-0
Barron 2, Bentley 2	
Oct 24 Bishops Cleeve (H)	....W 4-1
Cann 2, Glasspool, Bentley	
Oct 28 North Leigh (A)	.....W 2-1
Glasspool, Bentley	
Oct 30 Weymouth (FAT, H)	....L 1-2
Bentley	
Nov 2 Burnham (A)	.....W 4-1
Bentley 2, Glasspool, Roberts	
Nov 7 Larkhall Athletic (A)	....W 4-1
Bentley 2, Thoroughgood, Glasspool	
Nov 10 AFC Totton (RIC, A)	...W 5-2
Basker 2, Bentley, Fay, Roberts	
Nov 14 Shortwood United	.....H
Nov 17 Marlow	.....A
Nov 21 Tiverton Town	.....H
Nov 28 Bridgwater Town	.....A
Dec 2 Wimborne Town	.....H
Dec 5 Wantage Town	.....H
Dec 12 Taunton Town	.....A
Dec 19 Evesham United	.....H
Dec 26 AFC Totton	.....A
Jan 2 Bashley	.....H
Jan 9 Slimbridge	.....A
Jan 16 Mangotsfield United	.....H
Jan 23 Cinderford Town	.....A
Jan 30 Tiverton Town	.....A
Feb 6 Yate Town	.....H
Feb 13 Didcot Town	.....A
Feb 20 Burnham	.....H
Feb 27 Banbury United	.....A
Mar 5 Swindon Supermarine	....H
Mar 12 Wantage Town	.....A
Mar 19 Taunton Town	.....H
Mar 26 Slimbridge	.....H
Mar 28 Bashley	.....A
April 2 North Leigh	.....H
April 9 Bishops Cleeve	.....A
April 16 Larkhall Athletic	.....H
April 23 Shortwood United	.....A

AFC TOTTON 2015/16 Southern League Division 1 S/W	
Aug 8 Taunton Town (A)	.....L 2-3
Watts, Gosney	
Aug 11 Wantage Town (H)	...D 2-2
Watts Gosney	
Aug 15 Shortwood United (H)	..L 0-2
Aug 19 Larkhall Athletic (A)	...L 0-2
Aug 22 Didcot (H)	.....L 1-3
Sherborne	
Aug 29 Portchester (FAC, A)	...L 1-3
Williams	
Aug 31 Winchester City (A)	...L 1-3
Simpson	
Sept 5 Yate Town (H)	.....W 2-1
Feeney Sherborne	
Sept 19 Bridgwater Town (A)	..W 5-0
Gosney, Feeney, Allen, Simpson, Sherborne	
Sept 26 Cinderford Town (A)	..L 0-3
Sept 29 Bashley (H)	....W 4-0
Sherborne 2, Feeney, Gosney	
Oct 10 Tiverton Town (H)	....D 2-2
Diaper Gosney	
Oct 14 Stoneham (HSC, A)	...L 0-3
Oct 17 Slimbridge (A)	.....L 0-3
Oct 20 Bashley (RIC, H)	....W 7-2
Lee 3, Watts 3, Edwards	
Oct 24 Banbury United. (H)	...L 0-4
Oct 28 Sholing (RCC, A)	.....L 2-4
Alexander, Dempsey	
Oct 26 Burnham (A)	.....W 5-1
Lee 3, Diaper, Sherborne	
Nov 7 Swindon Sup (A)	.....L 0-2
Nov 10 Winchester (RIC, H)	...L 2-5
Edwards, Knight	
Nov 14 Mangotsfield United	...H
Nov 17 Larkhall Athletic	....H
Nov 21 Evesham United	...A
Nov 29 Taunton Town	....H
Dec 1 Wantage Town	...A
Dec 5 North Leigh	....A
Dec 12 Bishops Cleeve	.....H
Dec 19 Didcot Town	.....A
Dec 26 Winchester City	...H
Jan 2 Wimborne Town	...A
Jan 9 Marlow	.....H
Jan 16 Yate Town	.....A
Jan 23 Bridgwater Town	...H
Jan 30 Evesham United	...H
Feb 6 Shortwood United	...A
Feb 12 Cinderford Town	.....H
Feb 20 Bashley	....A
Feb 27 Slimbridge	.....H
Mar 5 Tiverton Town	....A
Mar 12 North Leigh	...H
Mar 19 Bishops Cleeve	....A
Mar 26 Marlow	.....A
Mar 28 Wimborne Town	.....H
April 2 Burnham	.....H
April 9 Banbury United	.....A
April 16 Swindon Supermarine	...H
April 23 Mangotsfield United	....A

An awesome four-some from Ridoutt

SEAN Ridoutt netted FOUR times as Hedge End Athletic pulled off a sensational 7-6 victory over City of Southampton Sunday Premier Division leaders Sholing United.

The Senior Division side, who have won once in the league all season, suddenly found their form as they edged past United in spectacular fashion.

It was 3-3 at the interval, but Ridoutt was joined by Luke Faithful and Andy Bauck on the score-sheet, both of whom netted a goal apiece, to take a stunning victory.

Callum Oliver (2), Breon Graham, Bob Lamb, Greg Ainsworth and Luke Watts were all on target for Sholing.

Kieran Boakes' netted a consolation as Bush Hill were crushed 4-1 by Portsmouth Sunday Social, while Christchurch SSC annihilated Senior Division strugglers Languard Rovers 8-0.

RS Nomansland scraped past Magpies Sunday 4-3 through Ben Dawkins (2), Matt Evans and Sam Knight.

Ben Dawkins netted a brace to help Senior Division side R.S Nomansland overcome Magpies Sunday 4-3. Matt Evans and Sam Knight also scored.

Hampshire Junior 'A'



Luke Watts was on target for Sholing

cup- 2nd round

CHAMBERLAYNE Athletic scored four goals, but were eventually defeated by Farlington Academicals on penalties.

Justyn Penfold's brace for the Junior One leaders and goals by Billy Haynes and Joe Connery wasn't enough, though.

A goalless extra-time saw the game come down to spots kicks. Penfold, Gavin Dewey and Ryan Stephenson all scored but Farlington edged it, netting their fourth spot kick to go through.

AFC Portwood's tie with FC Fleet was goalless after 120 minutes, sending the game to a shootout.

Michael Lane and Brandon Perry netted from the spot, but Fleet were clinical and kept their nerve to win 4-2.

Hampshire Junior 'B' Cup- 2nd round

DAN Runnalls scored a hat-trick as Junior Three outfit Portside smashed Enham Vision 6-1.

Jamie Forshaw, David Fitzpatrick and Sam Williams also netted..

Meanwhile Mike Cooper and Matt Darling were on target as Dursley defeated Basingstoke and District division one side Soldiers Return 2-0.

Stats shed light on S

SAINTS ace Virgil Van Dijk is better in the air than any other Premier League defender this season.

The summer signing from Celtic has won an average of 5.8 headers per game.

That average is only bettered by two players, and they are both strikers, Liverpool's Christian Benteke (7.4) and Aston Villa's Rudi Gestade (6.9).

Watford's Troy Deeney has the same 5.8 average as Van Dijk.

No doubt helped by Van Dijk's displays, Saints are the second best Premier League team in terms of winning aerial duels in 2015/16.

They are averaging 21.6 aerial wins so far, just behind Aston Villa (21.8).

Newcastle are the worst team in the air as they are only averaging 11.8 aerial wins per game.

Stoke are next up for Van Dijk and co at St Mary's next weekend.

The Potters have only managed 3.1 efforts on target in all their league games so far, the second lowest total in the top flight.

Only Aston Villa, with a paltry 2.6 efforts on target, have troubled the opposition 'keeper less.

In contrast, Saints have averaged five on target efforts per game. Overall, Saints are averaging 14.5 efforts per game, compared to Stoke's 9.8.

Mark Hughes' men have only scored five away league goals all season, the third lowest in the Premier League.

But they have not conceded a single one in their last three away games, following up 1-0 victories at Villa and Swansea with a 0-0 stalemate at Newcastle.

Saints and Stoke are two of the form teams in the Premier League.

Ronald Koeman's side have picked up 14 points from their last six league outings, four wins and two draws.

The only team with a better record over the same period is Arsenal, who have five wins and a draw.

Stoke are third in the list, having picked up 13 points, four wins, a draw and a loss, which is the same record as Leicester.

During those six games, Stoke have only scored five goals, only Villa and Bournemouth have netted less in the same period.

But Hughes' side have only conceded three goals in those six games - Manchester United are the only side who can equal that amount, and no side can better it.

Stoke will need to be aware of Saints' attacking trio Graziano Pelle, Sadio Mane and Dusan Tadic.

Pelle has netted six Premier League goals so far, and only four players have managed more.

The top scorers list is led by Leicester's Jamie Vardy, who has bagged 12 goals, five more than any one else.



Leicester City's Jamie Vardy, Premier League's top scorer.



Graziano Pelle, right, is one of the top flight's top scorers in 2015/16.

Next are three players on seven goals, Watford's Odion Ighalo, Vardy's Leicester colleague Riyad Mahrez and Everton's Romelu Lukaku.

Vardy has contributed 48 per cent of Leicester's league goals this term, the second highest percent-

age in the top flight.

Ighalo has scored 64 per cent of Watford's goals, while Newcastle's Georginio Wijnaldum has 46 per cent of the Toon Army's goals.

Lukaku has scored 35 per cent of Everton's league tally, while Pelle has 32 per cent of Saints' total.

Pelle, meanwhile, is averaging 3.8 shots per Premier League game in 2015/16, the same as England's Harry Kane at Tottenham.

Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho is the most prolific shooter, with an average of 4.7 shots per game, followed by Alexis Sanchez (4.4), Ser-

Saints performance



Virgil van Dijk has impressed for Saints - at both ends of the pitch.



Watford have been heavily reliant upon the goals of Odion Ighalo this season.

gio Ageuro (4.1) and Jamie Vardy (4).

Sadio Mane has contributed four assists in Premier League games and only four players have managed more.

Arsenal's Mesut Ozil has 10 assists, which is double the amount

of anyone else.

Next up with five are Everton's Gerard Deulofeu, Leicester's Riyad Mahrez and Norwich's Wes Hoolahan.

Level with Mane on four assists are Manchester City pair Yaya Toure and Kevin De Bruyne, Leicester's Marc Albrighton, New-

castle's Moussa Sissoko and Everton's Romelu Lukaku.

Bournemouth have struggled in front of goal since five-goal top scorer Callum Wilson suffered a serious injury.

Still, Eddie Howe's Cherries are averaging 11.8 efforts on goal in

their league games, which is more than Manchester United have managed (average 10.3).

Indeed, only four clubs, West Brom, Newcastle, Stoke and Sunderland, have managed less attempts at goal than Louis Van Gaal's men.

That is despite Manchester United having more of the ball than any of their top flight rivals.

United are averaging 57.2 per cent possession, compared to Manchester City's 56.4 per cent and Arsenal's 55.9 per cent.

Bournemouth have seen more of the ball than Saints so far with 52.2 per cent possession compared to 50.1 per cent.

Saints have a better passing record, though, just. They have successfully completed 79.4 per cent of their passes, compared to Cherries' 79.2 per cent.

Manchester City have the best passing percentage, with 85.1 per cent, and Leicester the worst, 71.2 per cent.

Norwich midfielder Alex Tettey is leading the way in terms of collecting Premier League cautions. The Norwegian international has been booked six times in 12 appearances.

A handful of players have collected five bookings, ensuring themselves an automatic one-game suspension.

They include Tottenham pair Eric Dier and Erik Lamela, Newcastle's Jack Colback, Manchester United's Matteo Darmian and James Milner of Liverpool.

Saints pair Graziano Pelle and Oriol Romeu have both picked up four bookings, taking them to the brink of a ban.

Victor Wanyama, Ryan Bertrand and skipper Jose Fonte have all collected three cautions.

Overall, Saints have picked up 25 bookings in their 12 league games, as well as the red cards issued to Sadio Mane (at Liverpool) and Wanyama (against Bournemouth).

Tottenham have collected the most bookings (27) while north London rivals Arsenal have had the fewest (12).

Saints and Manchester City get more crosses in than any other Premier League side. Both clubs are averaging 25 crosses per game, 10 more than Sunderland, who average the fewest crosses.

Watford launch the most long balls in the top flight, an average of 81 per game this season.

That is nine more than the next best, the 72 of Manchester United, Leicester and West Ham.

Saints are averaging 69 long balls per game while Arsenal only launch 49 per game.

In terms of shot passes, Manchester City (514) and Manchester United (503) lead the list.

Saints make an average of 376 short passes per game, while Leicester average the fewest, 269.

Nursling ace Wade hits four in romp

Hampshire Sunday Junior 'C' Cup- 2nd round

WADE Wilson netted four times as Nursling Sunday battered AFC Dynamo 5-1.

The Junior Six high-fliers completed the rout through Sean New's goal.

Junior Division 2

ALDERMOOR United's winless start to season continued as Omar Khan scored twice in an emphatic 5-1 victory for high fliers Eastpoint.

Azeem Hamid, James Erskine and Andy Catterson found the net for Eastpoint.

The defeat leaves United bottom of the table, after failing to pick up any points from their first seven games.

Junior Division 3

Chris Pye netted a hat-trick as Bitterne Ducks beat sixth-placed Mottisfont 3-0 at home to send them top of the table.

Bitterne have now won all six of their opening league games so far this season, but face competition from second-place A.F.C Waterside who also have a 100% record.



Wade Wilson netted four goals for Nursling against Dynamo.

Junior Division 4

Adam Ashford's 35 yard screamer rescued a point for Forest Home as they drew 2-2 with Hedge End City.

Dan Wells gave Forest the lead in the first-half, but after the break goals from Matt Dipper and Matt Smith put City back in front.

Ashford's equaliser denied Hedge End their first win of the season, but they're off the mark in terms of points.

● Hampshire FA, in partnership with Portsmouth FC, delivered a successful 'Respect fixture' for Pompey's home game with Yeovil in early October.

Now the club and county FA have joined forces again to put on a Respect Education Workshop which will take place on Monday November 23 to promote the message further.

The first Respect Education workshop for grassroots football clubs will take place at Fratton Park from 6 - 9pm.

Hampshire FA and Portsmouth FC are keen to spread the message of the Respect programme and as such to continue the legacy from Respect fixture that took place in October.

To register for the workshop, visit surveys.thefa.com/TakeSurvey

Ex-Cherries chairman: This could lead to new investment



Trevor Watkins

A FORMER boss of AFC Bournemouth believes the recent injection of American money into the club could lead to a new wave of investment in football.

Trevor Watkins, who was chairman of the club for four years, helped broker a deal bringing new investors into the Cherries in his capacity as a partner with law firm Pinsent Masons.

The business advised the Chicago-based investment firm PEAK6 on its acquisition of a 25 per cent equity interest in the Cherries.

As part of the deal, PEAK6 co-founder Matt Hulsizer and chief corporate development and legal officer Jay Coppoletta have both become directors of the club.

Mr Watkins said on Pinsent Masons' website out-law.com that the deal could be the "catalyst for a new wave of football business".

The PEAK6 deal was two years in the making and would see the US investors operate in partnership with

existing shareholders, including club owner Maxim Demin.

Mr Watkins said: "This deal demonstrates that notwithstanding the work needed to complete a transaction, that deals will be done in the English and European football markets.

"It also shows existing club owners that there are innovative strategic partnerships possible that involve broadening the investor base whilst also expanding their club's opportunities for growth in international markets without those arrangements involving them relinquishing control.

"We have already seen a model of US-based or other international investors coming to English football and buying a club outright as a consortium but this minority stake deal is a fresh approach that will likely change the perception that taking majority control is the usual way forward.

"With recent rumoured new over-

seas investments in clubs such as Aston Villa, Crystal Palace and West Bromwich Albion failing to materialise, this transaction is likely to make potential investors look again," he said.

James Earl, fellow partner at Pinsent Masons, said: "The English football market is already an attractive one given the climate of rising sports rights valuations and increasing commercial alignment between the US and UK sporting markets in particular.

"We believe that the agreement between AFC Bournemouth and PEAK6 could therefore serve as a catalyst for other minority stake investment deals involving existing Premier League clubs or ambitious clubs in the Championship.

"Indeed, this is also likely to be the case further afield in Europe given there is a finite number of strategic, well-priced investment opportunities which currently exist in English football."

New American investment in Cherries is so 'exciting'

FORMER Cherries chairman Trevor Watkins has expressed his "delight and excitement" at the club joining forces with American investors.

Watkins also said he had been "extremely privileged" to have helped broker a deal to bring new investment to the club in his capacity as a partner at Pinsent Masons.

The international law firm advised long-standing client PEAK6 on their acquisition of a 25 per cent equity interest in Cherries.

And the Chicago-based company this week formed an alliance with Maxim Demin when it purchased a quarter of his shares.

Spearheaded

As part of the deal, PEAK6's Matt Hulsizer and Jay Coppoletta have both become directors.

Watkins successfully spearheaded a fans' bid to save Cherries from extinction in 1997 and was responsible for the creation of a supporters' trust fund.

A lifelong fan and season ticket holder at the Vitality Stadium, he spent four years at the helm and stayed on as a director after stepping down as chairman in 2001.

Tremendous

Watkins, who was unable to discuss the finer detail of the deal due to client confidentiality, told the *Sports Pink's* sister paper the *Bournemouth Echo*: "Pinsent Masons have been working with PEAK6 since June 2013 and advised them on the deal.

"From the perspective of being able to offer an understanding of the club, its history, great management set-up and tremendous people involved in owning and leading it forward, it was a privilege for me to at least share



Maxim Demin has welcomed new American investment into AFC Bournemouth.

that with PEAK6 and play a part in bringing this about.

"I think it is a very exciting development, particularly having had the opportunity to get to know well all the parties involved.

"I have also seen first hand the passion and support Matt and Jay have for the club, its people and the desire for success.

"I am fortunate to work with many clubs and teams both here and internationally but, as a supporter, my heart is with AFC Bournemouth.

"Having worked closely on this deal, as a lifelong supporter, I think it is a very exciting opportunity for the club to grow further as the international attention on soccer continues

to grow. With soccer gaining a strong foothold in the USA and the impressive impact the Premier League makes there, it is great to have exposure in that market and a partnership to support that.

Partnership

"Given the lack of other similar deals happening, it is also testament to the relationships which have been created and the hard work of everybody concerned, both at PEAK6 and the club that this partnership was forged.

"Our role as advisors is much less

important than anyone else involved but certainly having been able to at least to make the introduction there is considerable personal pride in seeing it reach this conclusion."

In an article on the Pinsent Masons website, Coppoletta said: "The sector knowledge of the Pinsent Masons team is second to none. Having worked with them since 2013, we have consistently valued their ability to provide excellent legal advice and strategic insight into the football sector. "On this transaction, Pinsent Masons also brought additional and invaluable understanding and knowledge to the table given partner Trevor Watkins' past involvement with the club."

Howe: Our way is still right way

MANAGER Eddie Howe is adamant the AFC Bournemouth way will be the right way as he looks to revive the club's Premier League fortunes.

Howe, who saw Cherries slip into the drop zone last weekend, insists he has no plans to abandon his passing principles and says he will stick to his footballing philosophy.

An ill-deserved 1-0 reverse at the hands of Newcastle saw Cherries condemned to a fifth defeat in their past six games in the top flight, leaving them two points adrift of safety.

Howe, asked whether he would consider changing his approach, replied: "If you can find me a way that is different to dominating the ball and dominating chances that guarantees you winning games, I would be surprised to hear it.

"I have made it very clear from day one of pre-season that we are not going to change for anybody.

"Our style of football can, and I think will, be effective at this level.

"We just have to keep going."

Cherries headed into the international break on the back of a defeat after Ayoze Perez bagged the only goal of the game for Newcastle, with Howe's team set to visit Swansea next Saturday.

Asked if he would be working on anything different during the break, Howe replied: "I wouldn't say something different, I would say we just need to work better at what we are doing.

"Different can be a dangerous thing to do on the back of a defeat because you lose your identity and what you work towards.

"There will certainly be aspects we will be working very hard on to make sure those fine margins between defeat and victory go in our favour."



Eddie Howe



Tokelo Rantie

Bafana Bafana striker Rantie would love to silence his Cherries critics

STRIKER Tokelo Rantie insists he has nothing to prove to the people who count at Cherries – but would love to silence the critics.

Rantie stepped out of the wilderness to become only the 13th South Africa international to play in the Premier League when he came on as a 79th-minute substitute against Newcastle last weekend.

The Bafana Bafana star has not started a competitive first-team match for Cherries for more than a year with his last league appearance being an 89th-minute cameo against Middlesbrough in March.

His wait has been indicative of his fraught spell at Cherries with just five goals in 42 league appearances – 28 from the bench – since his then-record-breaking switch

from Swedish club Malmo in August 2013.

But having finally made the breakthrough after a series of niggling injuries, Rantie reckons his time is about to come.

Rantie said: "I believe I deserve my chance because I have been working very hard. I have been encouraged by my team-mates and I am very happy to get my first Premier League appearance.

"It is always difficult because when I have been able to train hard, I believe I have given myself the opportunity to get into the team.

"When I do have setbacks, it feels like I am taking 10 steps backwards. It is difficult to catch up because we have a lot of quality players so for me to just break in is very difficult.

"But I am glad to be back now. Hopefully, I can keep working hard and then my chances will most definitely come."

On the prospect of proving himself at Dean Court, Rantie added: "I don't think I should be worried about being pointed out as the one because this is a family.

"In everything we do, if we succeed, we succeed together; if we fail, we fail together so I don't see myself as someone who should think too much about that at the moment.

"I had things, injuries and stuff, which limited my chances to get into the team so hopefully, if I can stay injury free.

"I believe now the only thing left is to get my chances and prove myself to anyone who has doubted me."

Max remains committed to the Cherries, insists Neill

Demin still on board

CHIEF executive Neill Blake has moved swiftly to reassure supporters over Maxim Demin's ongoing involvement with AFC Bournemouth.

Blake insists Demin is "totally committed" to the club and "determined" to further strengthen it following four fruitful years at Dean Court.

Demin initially acquired a 50 per cent stake in the club after purchasing the shares of directors Jeff Mostyn and Steve Sly in November 2011.

And the Russian businessman, who prefers to keep a low profile, gained full control when he bought Eddie and Brenda Mitchell's shareholdings in September 2013.

Demin's position has come under the microscope following his decision to sell 25 per cent of the club to Peak6, a Chicago-based private equity investor.

However, Blake has vehemently denied suggestions the deal will in any way compromise Demin's involvement and insists he has no plans to relinquish the reins.

In an exclusive interview with the Bournemouth Echo, Blake said: "Max is totally committed to the club and for the long term.

"He sees bringing in people to work alongside him as a minority shareholder as an opportunity to strengthen the club, both on and off the pitch.

"Having achieved promotion to the Premier League ahead of schedule, we now need to review all areas of the club and bringing in new investment will help towards this.



Cherries chief executive Neill Blake.

"We are looking to promote our brand and increase awareness globally. We want to push the AFC Bournemouth name in America where we need to start looking at sponsorship opportunities.

"As much as we will continue to value our existing sponsors, we can't continue to rely on England and need to broaden our horizons by strengthening in other countries."

As part of the deal with Peak6, founder Matt Hulsizer and chief corporate development and legal officer Jay Coppoletta will both become

Cherries directors.

They will join on the board Blake, Jeff Mostyn, John O'Neill, Mikhail Ponomarev, Nick Rothwell and brothers Igor and Oleg Tikhturov.

Blake added: "Matt and Jay have been trying to get into football in England for a few years and they hit it off straight away when they met with Max. He wanted them to get involved with him at AFC Bournemouth and help take the club forward.

"There is nothing more to this deal than trying to make us stronger as a team, a club and a brand and helping

us continue to grow globally.

"That is Max's ultimate aim and I can assure people he is in this for the long haul."

CHAIRMAN Jeff Mostyn is confident new investment in Cherries will help the club establish itself in the Premier League.

"The club is confident this partnership will further strengthen its ability to compete with the very best and provide a platform to establish itself as a long-term Premier League club," he said.

No ceiling on our potential

PAUL Collingwood insists there is "no ceiling" on the collective ability of England's limited-overs team.

Collingwood, captain when England won a global tournament for the only time and a current coaching consultant for Eoin Morgan's tourists in the United Arab Emirates, is convinced of their world-class potential.

The 39-year-old, also a three-time Ashes-winner, sees no reason either why white-ball opener Alex Hales cannot transport his clean-striking methods successfully into Test cricket.

Hales ended a run of poor one-day international scores with a maiden century in Abu Dhabi on Friday as England made it 1-1 with two to play against Pakistan.

He is sure to be retained in England's Test squad next week, to travel to South Africa - and is expected to make his debut as Alastair Cook's new opening partner on Boxing Day.

Hales was England's driving force at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium and is just one member of a squad here in which Collingwood has great faith.

That group includes new Hampshire bowler Reece Topley, who took three wickets in the first ODI against Pakistan and 1-33 in Friday's win.

He said: "They're a young group who want to go out and give it their best, and it's fantastic there's no ceiling to them ... the way they can flourish, and the environment.

"It's really exciting for English cricket to have a young set of talented cricketers like this ... we're in a very good, strong place."

England's new management ethos, under England and Wales Cricket Board director Andrew Strauss, is to ensure limited-overs cricket is no longer a "poor relation" to Tests.

A home World Cup in 2019 has already concentrated minds and Collingwood does not believe success then is a distant dream.

The 2010 ICC World Twenty20-winning captain said: "We have a long-term goal - to win the World Cup.



Hampshire's Reece Topley

Where it all went wrong for Lancaster

STUART Lancaster's reign as England head coach ended this week after the 2015 World Cup campaign turned into a nightmare.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the contentious episodes which contributed to Lancaster stepping down from his role.

PUTTING THE BOOT IN

The squad spent a day's riot training with the Metropolitan Police before leaving for their pre-World Cup high-altitude camp in Denver. It was said that the next day's training had to be modified due to fatigue after players had run a kilometre in Army-style boots and several were suffering from blisters.

TRAINING GROUND FURY

England skills coach Mike Catt and Danny Cipriani were involved in a training-ground clash hours after the outside-half was told he would not be in the World Cup squad.

BURGESS SELECTION

Cross-code convert Sam Burgess came to signify England's dreadful World Cup. The rugby league star made the 31-man squad despite being in union for less than a year and providing little evidence that he had adapted to



Former England head coach Stuart Lancaster the sport..

CHANGING APPROACH

England seemed set on a more expansive brand of rugby with George Ford as fly-half and Brad Barritt and Jonathan Joseph as the midfield combination. But Ford was suddenly jettisoned for the Wales game with the kicking skills of Owen Farrell preferred, while Burgess' promotion also smacked of a more conservative approach.

ROASTING THE REF

Lancaster's lieutenants Andy Farrell and Graham Rowntree were confined to limited roles for the closing World Cup game against Uruguay as the pressure told on the England camp. The pair were found guilty of confronting referee Roman Poite in the tunnel during the heavy defeat to Australia which effectively sealed England's elimination.

SHARES COST A PACKET

Post-tournament reports suggested some England players lost a combined total in excess of £100,000 after allegedly being persuaded by kit man Dave Tension to invest in an oil drilling firm. The shares subsequently plummeted in value, although it is understood Lancaster and his coaching team had no knowledge of the advice.

Southampton Evening



Division 1 winners Southampton CC

THE Southampton Evening Cricket League celebrated the 2015 season with its annual awards bash at The Ageas Bowl.

Hampshire new boy Ryan Stevenson entertained guests with a Q & A session before presenting the awards to the winners of the four divisions – Southampton CC, Old Mutual Wealth, Southamptonshire and HCE CC – the Harold Diaper Rose Bowl Trophy winners BAT CC.

Also in attendance was Hampshire's cricket secretary Tim Tremlett and Mayor of Southampton Linda Norris, *writes SIMON WALTER.*

Silverware was also presented to the winners of the indoor leagues' two divisions – Sarisbury A and Sarisbury B – and well as indoor cup winners OTs and Romsey.

Much-loved

The SECL's outdoor league has lost several teams in recent years, including Ordnance Survey, the Royal Mail and Sarisbury.

But the much-loved competition remains a popular one on council pitches across the city, including Hoglands Park.

The likes of Robin Smith, Kevin Keegan and Jason Dodd have all played in the competition down the years.

If you would like to join the 27 teams that contested last year's competition (6.30pm starts on Tuesday evenings), contact SECL secretary Ian Meyer on ian3secl@btinternet.com or 07824379079.

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Ryan Stevenson pictured with members of Community CC.



Ryan Stevenson with members of HCE CC.

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ing Cricket winners ...



Old Mutual Wealth, the second division winners.



Hampshire Cricket secretary Tim Tremlett presents silverware to Old Mutual Wealth.



President's Cup team representatives. All pix by LMI Photography.



Southampton Evening Cricket League officials



Division 3 winners Southamptonshire.



West End Saints, Indoor Division 2 winners.

Celebrating a host of gr



Hampshire's disability teams

HAMPSHIRE Cricket hosted a celebration of yet another strong year for the Cricket Board's disability cricket programme.

Chris Harper of Dove House School and Ian Morris of Hampshire Visually Impaired CC were recognised for their contributions to disability cricket and shared the Ralph Muckells Trophy.

Award winners:
 D40 Hardball: Champions (BACD D40 League South) 5 wins, 1 walkover, lost national semi-final 2-1 on bowl-out after match abandoned.
 Batting – Hugo Hammond
 Bowling – Dan Reynaldo
 Fielding – Martin Williams
 Spirit of Cricket – Martin Williams
 Super 9s Royals (5th/6 BACD Super9s South West)
 Fielding – Aaron Bicknell
 Spirit of Cricket – Anthony Burgess
 Super 9s Hawks (4th/6 BACD Super9s South West)
 Batting – Kieran Cole
 Bowling – James Humphries
 Fielding – Aidan Le Marechal
 Spirit of Cricket – Josh D'Arcy, Kamron Flaxman
 Hampshire Visually Impaired CC (6th/8 BCEW Development League South & West), losing finalist (South & West T20 Cup)
 Player of the year – Ryan West
 Blinder of the year – Dave Daniels
 Graham Carter Award (most improved player) – Matt Greenhoff
 Players' player – Dave Daniels
 Champagne moment – Paige Lillywhite
 Special Award – Ian Tiny Morris

Dan Reynaldo and the Hammond brothers, Alex and Hugo, were in the England Physical Disability team which won the International Committee of the Red Cross International T20 Tournament for people with Physical Disabilities in Bangladesh.

Hythe & Dibden's Josh Mead, currently at university, was also in the triumphant England team.



Hampshire's visually impaired team



Dan Reynaldo, Alex Hammond and Hugo Hammond



Hampshire's women's team (see story on facing page)



Hampshire Hawks disabled team

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Great achievements



Tally O'Farrell with Giles White



Hursley Park's Georgia Valentine



Alton's Martha Bilsland



Aldershot's Kirin Sahota



Charlotte Taylor was the top runscore in the country.



Ella Chandler with Giles White

WHAT a summer Hampshire's women cricketers enjoyed.

They emerged ECB Women's Division Three county champions and also celebrated promotion in their very first venture into twenty20 cricket.

Beaten only once (by Cheshire), Hampshire won the Division Three title with victories against Hertfordshire, Derbyshire, the Netherlands and Suffolk before centuries by Charlotte Taylor and Emily Windsor helped the side to an enormous 347-6 against Northants in a 208-run win which secured the silverware.

It was a similarly successful story in the short-format t20 game, with Hampshire beating Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Northants, and Scotland before clinching a promotion spot, in second place, with wins over Devon and Oxfordshire.

All-rounder Linsey Da Costa caught the eye, scoring 379 runs and taking 17 wickets to emerge with the bowling award.

At under-15 level, where Hampshire reached the semi finals of the Malvern Festival, Alice Monaghan, Charlie Dean and Ella Chandler represented England, with Anisa Ansar and Georgia Valentine selected for the ECB Super 3s regional squad.

Leading Hampshire women cricketers this summer were:

Batting: Charlotte Taylor 620 runs (inc 165*), Georgia Valentine 445 (inc 100), Ella Chandler 427, Charlie Dean 398, Lindsey Da Costa 379, Sian Edwards 339 (inc 138*), Natasha Mansa 335, Kirin Sahota 286 (inc 119*), Alice Monaghan 258, Keira Heslam 213.

Bowling: Anisa Ansar 36 wickets, Charlie Dean 20, Holly Fletcher 18, Louise Hardy 17, Lindsey Da Costa 17, Emily Windsor 16. Wicketkeepers: Naomi Lynch 16, Charlotte Ward 9, Kirin Sahota 8, Olivia Stokes 6.

● New Milton's Charlotte Taylor not only won the Hampshire Ladies batting award – but also finished as the leading county run scorer in the entire country.

In 50-over and t20 cricket, the 21-year-old Southampton Solent University student rattled off 620 runs, including a career-best 165 not out against Northants, which helped Hampshire secure the ECB Women's County Division Three title.

She also played for New Milton's third team, scoring 121 runs in addition to taking 13 wickets and was a lead player for Hursley Park, who finished runners-up in the Women's Southern Premier League.

In total this summer, Charlotte scored a staggering 961 runs and took 33 wickets.

● Aldershot's Kirin Sahota received the Girls Under-13 batting award from Hampshire Cricket Manager Giles White. She skippered the side and led from the front, winning the batting prize with 268 runs, which included an unbeaten 119 against Wales. She also kept wicket well.

● Amport and Longparish starlet Tally O'Farrell receives the Girls Under-13 bowling award from Giles White.

● Ella Chandler, with 427 runs, won the Girls Under-15 batting award.

● Hursley Park's Anisa Ansar was not only the Girls Under-15 bowling award winner, but also Hampshire women's overall leading wicket taker. She took 36 wickets during the season, a haul which earned selection for the ECB Super 3s regional squad.

● Georgia Valentine's 445-run haul, which included one century, earned the Hursley Park teen the Under-17 batting prize.

● Alton's Martha Bilsland won the Under-17 bowling prize.

Hampshire Colleges football



Barton Peveril's Josh Clark, above and right, is brought down by the Farnborough keeper, resulting in a penalty.

Symonds could steal crown

ITCHEN'S seven year reign as Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges champions is under serious threat after Peter Symonds' completed the double over them.

They followed up their earlier 3-2 success at Middle Road with a 2-1 win in the return fixture and now enjoy a handy lead at the top, *writes Mike Vimpany.*

Itchen took the initiative in the previous meeting and went ahead through Jack Burrows, but a linesman's flag saw a potentially decisive second goal disallowed.

PSC turned things round after that and went on to win with second half strikes by Theo Servini and Brad Thomas, whose winner owed much to a goalkeeping howler.

There is little in it when the top five teams in the restructured Colleges League play and Peter Symonds have another tough nut to crack when Brockenhurst come to Winchester next Wednesday.

Hat-trick

Brock improved on their 2-1 Peter Munro Cup win over Barton Peveril when skipper Sean Wright bagged a hat-trick in the 5-2 victory at Queen Mary's.

Livewire Barney Turner dropped another hint to Hampshire selectors with a goal, while Dom Panaesar - Dower also hit the target.

QMC goalscorers were Connor Thorne and Dillon Donnelly.

Barton Peveril bounced back from their cup defeat with a 4-2 victory over Farnborough, who had one player sent off and another four yellow carded, all for dissent.

A Sam Morris penalty inside the opening few minutes gave BP the perfect start, which two-goal Ben Burton and Lewis Wild later improved upon.

At 2-0 down, Farnborough clawed one back through Sam Pederson and were back in it at 3-2 through Ryan McCartney.

But a late Barton Peveril fourth goal sealed it.

Sparsholt edged out South Downs 3-2 in the other game.

B Division leaders Richard Taunton extended their unbeaten start with a



Barton Peveril's Ben Burton is congratulated after scoring his side's second goal..



Barton Peveril's Lewis Wild in action against Farnborough.



Barton Peveril's Ben Burton

10-2 mauling of Alton.

Anxious to wipe away the memory of his miss of the season in the previous week's Peter Munro Cup win over Sparsholt, Callum Fitzehorswell bagged five of RTC's 10 goals.

Doubles by Shay Hollingworth and Tom Ladbury and one from Dylan Gain completed the rout.

Taunton can expect tougher opposition when Poole Grammar come visiting to Hill Lane next Wednesday, though coach Dan Crutchley will demand more creativity from his team after a goal-less derby draw with Bournemouth.

PGS fashioned only two chances in the entire game compared with

Bournemouth's one.

It really was a classic bore draw.

Wednesday's fixtures

A Division: Andover v South Downs, Sparsholt v Barton Peveril, Peter Symonds v Brockenhurst, Queen Mary's v Itchen.

B Division: Chichester v St Vincent, Portsmouth v Alton, Richard Taunton v Poole Grammar.

Katie tally 13 from 7 games

Hampshire County Women's League Division 1

Only three of the scheduled matches survived the rain last weekend.

AFC Boscombe leapfrogged second-placed Winchester Flyers Reserves with a 12-5 triumph.

A thrilling first 45 minutes saw Boscombe going into the break 8-4 up.

Wasps were unable to stop Katie Norman, who finished the match with five goals - taking her overall tally this season to 13 in seven matches.

A superb hat-trick by midfielder Nicola Power piled more misery on Winchester.

Boscombe are now three points behind Warsash Wasps, with a game in hand. Shanklin Reserves picked up their first points of the season with a 5-0 win against BTC.

Kim Masterson's brace helped the Isle of Wight side up to seventh, after being rooted to the bottom for the first three matches.

Gerry Kehayova scored the only goal in Mudeford Phoenix's victory over Rushmoor Community FC.

Division 1

Bursledon lost 4-2 to Gosport Borough, who moved up to fourth through goals from Jessica McAuley (2), Sophie Kingley-Smith and Emma Pickering.

Division 3

AFC Portchester continued their 100 per cent start to the season with a 6-0 trouncing of second-place AFC Bournemouth Reserves thanks to goals from Katie Shorter, Charmaine True, Shannen Woods, Nadina Green, Sophie Davis - her 11th of the season - and Michelle Niven.

Two locals side were in action under the management of Tom Wells in the Southern region's Division One North.

Four goals each from Phillipa Holden and Natasha Kenny helped ease Team Solent to a 9-0 victory against Andover New Street.

The formbook didn't come into play as Winchester City Flyers travelled to Chesham.

Winchester found themselves 12 points behind top of the league Chesham, but claimed an easy 3-0 victory away from home.

WPL Reserves League

Southampton Saints were taught a footballing lesson by a fantastic Tottenham side, who romped to a 13-0 win to leave Saints with just one point from six games.

Boys u15 Cup - Southampton 7 Bridgwater 0



Craig Hunt fires in a goal as Southampton hammer Bridgwater at Mountbatten School.

Bridg over troubled waters!

SOUTHAMPTON Boys' reward for a thumping 7-0 win over Bridgwater is a home tie in round three of the English Schools' Under-15 PlayStation Trophy.

They will host either Bristol & South Gloucestershire or Poole & East Dorset, writes Mike Vimpany.

One of the largest associations in the country, Southampton are long overdue a decent run in the Under-15 competition and manager Pete Hadfield will be well pleased with the start.

Things didn't go entirely to plan, with a dreadful weather forecast causing the tie to be switched Queen's Keep to the swish new artificial surface at Romsey's Mountbatten School.

But it made little difference to Southampton, who cashed in on an injury to Bridgwater's goalkeeper.

Callum Esfandiari (2), Reece Crookes, Calvin Lichowe, Harry Jones, Craig Hunt, and Moses Tekei scored.

The Southampton squad was: Luke Bennett (St George's), Craig Hunt (Sholing), Lewis Floyd (Wildern), Callum Short (Sholing), Ben Kimber (Wildern), Rhys Crookes (Applemore), Nathan Taylor (St Mary's College), Dan Head (Hounsdown), Harry Jones (Upper Shirley High), Seb Szymula (Upper Shirley High), Callum Braden (Noadswood), Moses Takei (Applemore), Kelvin Lichowe (Wildern), Callum Esfandiari (Wildern), OJ Jenkins (Cantell), Ollie Smallridge (Noadswood).

Gosport & Fareham, one of the smallest competition entrants, are also drawn at home in round three. They have an opportunity to avenge a quarter-final defeat of two seasons ago against South London.



Moses Takei scores for Southampton. Pictures by Rachel Adams.



Ben Kimber takes a tumble.



Kelvin Lichowe scores



Craig Hunt in action against Bridgwater



Southampton celebrate Craig Hunt's goal.

Kia blasts 5 in easy Saints win

Southampton Saints U14s 7 Totton and Eling U15s 0

Kia Anteney struck five times as Southampton Saints cruised past Totton and Eling in the U15s Winchester Girls League.

With injuries to first-team regulars, Isabella Cornes and Beth Turner, Saints' team looked disorganised and took time to get going at Lapstone Park.

Saints defenders Lacey Ball, Sian Bradbeer and Emily Gook were reluctant to let anything go through them though, whilst stand-in keeper Hannah Burroughs showed no signs of nerves.

The hosts took the lead in the 12th minute through Lilly Shergill before Anteney grabbed her first four minutes later.

Shergill added her second before Anteney doubled her tally in the 29th minute following good work from Jennifer King.

Anteney showed no mercy with a super individual goal before half-time.

Saints continued into the second half in the same vein and Anteney netted three more.

The home side never gave the visitors a rest, but despite a number of efforts on goal, Saints had to settle for seven.

Saints' win makes it six out of six in the league, and stretches their lead at the top to three points from Winchester Flyers.

U16 Cup games

With all league fixtures postponed last weekend, two under-16 cup matches managed to survive the wet weather.

Worthies travelled over to the Isle of Wight to face Shanklin, Georgia Allen and Eloise Clarke on target in a 2-0 success.

Whilst in the 11v11 under 16 Cup, Boscombe hosted Mudeford in a local derby, which saw the visitors claim all the bragging rights.

Despite leading 2-1 at half-time through goals from Shepard and Ingre, the hosts were unable to produce a similar performance in the second 45.

Doubles from Millie Hopkins and Sasha Cole, plus goals from White, Broadfield and Andreotti, booked Mudeford's place in the next round.

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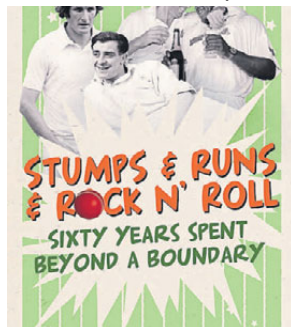
CRICKET lovers more than most thrive on fresh material to help them survive the cold, dark winter months.

Here comes the sun in the shape of this beautifully crafted, quite original work, sub-titled *Sixty Years Spent Beyond a Boundary*.

The unfolding story is part autobiography, part love affair with the glorious sound of leather on willow, enveloped in the author's other passion – music.

We first encounter Tim Quelch as a small boy in the 1950s, a golden era for English cricket under Len Hutton and Peter May, listening to crooner Johnnie Ray's 'Walking My Baby Back Home', noting his conservative parents did not disapprove of the American teen idol.

We leave him, reluctantly, appraising the hip-hop beats of Public Enemy's 'Harder Than You Think', a track which sums up England's struggles since the turn of the millennium and one which would have had his parents



Front cover of the book

swiftly reaching for the wireless off button.

Although the front cover is somewhat garish, delve inside to be richly rewarded – and perhaps surprised by moments of poignancy.

There is a heart-breaking vignette when the author, a local government social care worker, skips nimbly from his appreciation of Donna Summer's disco dance-floor filler 'I Feel Love' to the final day of the Oval Test against the West Indies in the long, hot summer of 1976 with Michael Holding wreaking havoc.

Quelch describes driving a troubled, unloved 15-year-old boy to a residential child psychiatric unit, never to return.

All they shared in common was a concern with the poor state of English cricket under Tony Greig's captaincy to fill the minutes on the journey.

At heart, though, it is all about the cricket, notably the England team's Test trials, tribulations and triumphs.

Fine photographs for this charitable enterprise come courtesy of Getty Images and include pictures of Lillee.

Well, one at least.

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Waterfield hoping



Peter Waterfield and Gary Hunt with competitors at the Invitational event at The Quays. Pictures by Rachel Adams.

PETER Waterfield told divers "anything is possible" in life as he welcomed youngsters to The Quays in Southampton for the 11th annual invitational tournament held in his name.

The former Olympic silver medalist was on hand to oversee a 'skills type' competition for novice divers – the first of its kind that many of the 137 divers had ever competed in.

The Southampton Diving Academy president told divers:

"Sport has given me a fantastic life. I have travelled the world, met some amazing people and am still enjoying a great career.

Stay focussed

"I want members of SDA and all divers to see that whatever life throws at them, so long as they stay focussed and determined, anything is possible."

The event was staged at The Quays in association with Active Nation and FOSDA (Friends of Southampton Diving Academy).

Leading the way for SDA was GB International Gemma McArthur who proved unbeatable in the Girls 16+ age group.

She produced an excellent display to win three gold medals in the 1m and 3m springboard, and the platform competitions.

Somersaults

In the Boys 16+ age group, Scott Palmer pulled off an inward two and a half somersaults on the 3m springboard to take the silver and took the bronze on the 1m springboard.

William Osborne did the same dive from the 7.5m platform event to take bronze.

In Boys 14/15 years, Cameron

'Anything is possible' the former Olympian tells novice divers ...



Peter Waterfield and Gary Hunt with members of the Southampton Diving Academy

Gammage and Thomas Bailey made the finals in all three events.

Cameron took silver in the 3m springboard and a bronze on the platform. Thomas took the bronze on the 1m springboard with three really consistent dives.

In the Girls 14/15 years, SDA were simply unstoppable. In spite of there being 36 divers in this group battling for a top 6 place, Gabrielle Kirkham, diving up an age group, did brilliantly to reach the finals on the platform however her 3 team mates hogged the podium with

Emily Martin at her best taking Gold with some stunning diving and fellow SDA divers Tanya Watson and Lucy Hawkins taking joint silver.

Not content with that, Emily, Tanya and Lucy also took 1-2-3 on the 1m springboard and Tanya a third medal, this time gold on the 3m.

Dominant

Angus Kerr, diving in the boys 12/13 years, was just as dominant. Angus clawed his way to a bronze

in the Platform and stormed to victory in the 1m and 3m, scoring straight 7's for his two and a half pike somersault on the 3m.

Evelyna Johnson secured gold on the 1m springboard in the Girls 12/13 holding her nerve to produce some very solid dives.

Many other SDA divers to achieve a place in the finals, winning top six medals and contributing to the team trophy win were: Elliott Moorhouse, Leon Baker, Milo French, Tyler Lane, Thomas Graham and Reuben Brown.

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Waterfield Invitational results



Peter Waterfield and Gary Hunt with Jamie and Cayden Akerman.



Chloe Harrington with cliff diving star Gary Hunt.



Peter Waterfield and Gary Hunt with Daisy Hart.



Sam and Jamie Kneller-Hole with Peter Waterfield and Gary Hunt



Spectators in high spirits at The Quays.



Maisy Kivlochan with Peter Waterfield and Gary Hunt

SOUTHAMPTON DIVING ACADEMY RESULTS

Girls Group D & Under 1m
15th Dulcie Wilson, 18th Collette Guyett-Smith
Girls Group D & Under 3m
14th Dulcie Wilson
Girls Group D & Under Platform
15th Collette Guyett-Smith, 18th Dulcie Wilson
Boys Group D & Under 1m
5th Leon Baker, 9th Robbie Lee, 14th Milo French, 18th Nathan Bull, 20th Bryn James
Boys Group D & Under 3m
6th Milo French, 11th Leon Baker, 17th Robbie Lee, 19th Bryn James, 20th Nathan Bull
Boys Group D & Under Platform
7th Milo French, 12th Robbie Lee, 16th Leon Baker
Girls Group C 1m
1st Evelyn Johnson, 10th Victoria Ward, 15th Tia Pritchard, 16th Sofia Sathio, 17th Milly Batten, 21st Maya Kuty, 25th Astrid Davis, 29th Grace Hill
Girls Group C 3m
6th Evelyn Johnson, 10th Milly Batten, 17th Tia Pritchard, 23rd Victoria Ward, 24th Sofia Sathio, 29th Maya Kuty, 34th Astrid Davis
Girls Group C Platform
8th Evelyn Johnson, 11th Tia Pritchard, 17th Milly Batten, 19th Victoria Ward, 23rd Astrid Davis, 25th Sofia Sathio
Boys Group C 1m
1st Angus Kerr, 12th Reuben Brown, 13th Ashley Burnard, 18th Ethan Bennett
Boys Group C 3m
1st Angus Kerr, 19th Ethan Bennett, 20th Ashley Burnard, 21st Reuben Brown, 23rd Oliver Cazaly
Boys Group C Platform
3rd Angus Kerr, 6th Reuben Brown, 17th Ethan Bennett, 20th Ashley Burnard
Girls Group B 1m
1st Emily Martin, 2nd Tanya Watson, 3rd Lucy Hawkins, 19th Jessica Bennett, 24th Katie McArthur, 29th Nicole van Hoof, 30th Gabrielle Kirkham, 31st Megan Curtis, 33rd Chloe Harrington
Girls Group B 3m: 1st Tanya Watson, 6th Emily Martin, 9th Lucy Hawkins, 15th Jessica Bennett, 19th Katie McArthur, 26th Gabrielle Kirkham, 28th Ella Anderson, 29th Megan Curtis, 31st Chloe Harrington, 34th Nicole van Hoof
Girls Group B Platform: 1st Emily Martin, 2nd Lucy Hawkins & Tanya Watson, 6th Gabrielle Kirkham, 10th Jessica Bennett, 17th Katie McArthur, 19th Megan Curtis, 20th Ella Anderson
Boys Group B 1m: 2nd Thomas Bailey, 4th Cameron Gammage, 6th Tyler Lane
Boys Group B 3m: 2nd Cameron Gammage, 5th Thomas Bailey, 8th Tyler Lane
Boys Group B Platform: 3rd Cameron Gammage, 4th Thomas Bailey
Girls Group A+ 1m: 1st Gemma McArthur
Girls Group A+ 3m: 1st Gemma McArthur
Girls Group A+ Platform: 1st Gemma McArthur
Boys Group A+ 1m: 3rd Scott Palmer, 4th Thomas Graham, 5th Elliot Moorhouse, 8th William Osborne
Boys Group A+ 3m: 2nd Scott Palmer, 4th William Osborne, 5th Elliot Moorhouse, 6th Thomas Graham
Boys Group A+ Platform
3rd William Osborne, 4th Elliot Moorhouse, 5th Thomas Graham, 6th Scott Palmer

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SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

European Championship
Play-Off First-Leg

Sweden.....L	Denmark.....L
HT L-L	
Ukraine.....L	Slovenia.....L
HT L-L	

International Match

Hong Kong.....2	Macau.....0
Hui 65	
Chan 79	
HT 0-0	
Russia.....1	Portugal.....0
Shirokov 89	
HT 0-0	

Barclays Premier League

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Man City	12	5	0	1	19	5	3	2	1	7	4
Arsenal	12	3	2	1	8	4	5	0	1	14	26
Leicester	12	4	1	1	13	11	2	3	0	12	9
Man Utd	12	4	2	0	9	1	3	1	2	8	7
Tottenham	12	3	3	0	10	4	2	3	1	10	6
West Ham	12	2	2	2	11	10	4	1	1	12	6
12 SAINTS	12	3	1	2	12	9	2	4	0	7	4
Crystal P	12	2	1	3	6	7	4	0	2	8	5
Everton	12	2	2	2	12	11	2	3	1	8	5
Liverpool	12	2	2	2	7	9	2	3	1	6	5
Watford	12	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	8	16
Sloke	12	2	1	3	5	7	2	3	1	5	16
W.B.A.	12	1	1	4	7	12	3	1	2	3	4
Swansea	12	2	2	2	6	7	1	2	3	6	9
Norwich	12	2	1	3	7	8	1	2	3	9	15
Chelsea	12	2	1	3	9	10	1	1	4	7	13
Newcastle	12	1	3	2	11	9	1	1	4	2	10
Bournemouth	12	1	2	3	5	9	1	0	5	7	16
Sunderld	12	1	2	3	7	8	0	1	5	6	16
A. Villa	12	0	2	4	3	7	1	0	5	7	13

SkyBet Championship

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Hull	16	6	2	0	16	3	4	2	10	5	34
Brighton	16	6	2	0	10	4	3	5	0	11	8
Burnley	16	6	1	1	16	8	3	4	1	7	6
Middlesbro	16	6	1	1	15	2	3	2	3	9	10
Derby City	16	5	2	1	13	6	4	3	9	5	30
Birmingham	16	3	2	3	9	10	5	4	1	15	28
Cardiff	16	5	2	1	10	4	1	5	2	7	8
Reading	16	3	4	1	11	5	3	2	3	12	24
Sheff Wed	16	4	3	1	12	8	2	3	3	8	11
Ipswich	16	3	4	1	11	7	2	3	3	12	24
Brentford	16	3	4	1	9	13	3	2	3	12	21
Fulham	16	3	2	3	15	15	2	3	3	14	20
Q.P.R.	16	3	4	1	16	11	2	1	5	6	13
Wolves	16	2	3	3	9	10	3	1	4	11	11
Leeds Utd	16	2	4	10	15	1	1	4	3	7	11
Blackburn	16	2	2	3	8	5	1	4	3	7	10
Preston	16	1	5	2	5	6	2	3	3	6	7
Nottm For	16	2	3	3	7	8	2	2	4	5	8
Huddersfld	16	2	3	3	10	10	1	3	4	6	13
Bristol C	16	2	4	10	15	1	1	4	3	7	11
M K Dons	16	3	0	5	7	10	1	2	5	7	13
Charlton	16	3	2	3	11	13	0	2	6	3	13
Bolton	16	1	6	1	6	10	0	2	6	4	16
Rotherham	16	1	2	5	9	18	1	1	6	8	15

SkyBet League One

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Gillingham	17	7	2	0	23	8	4	2	3	11	11
Coventry	17	6	2	0	18	9	4	2	3	14	9
Walsall	17	4	2	2	12	8	5	3	0	16	6
Burton Albion	17	5	2	1	9	4	5	0	3	7	9
Wigan	17	3	0	14	3	4	3	0	3	14	15
Bury	17	3	4	1	15	13	4	2	3	14	27
Bradford	17	4	3	2	11	9	3	3	2	8	9
Sheff Utd	17	5	1	3	19	13	2	3	3	9	27
Millwall	16	3	1	4	9	12	4	3	1	11	25
Peterboro	17	4	2	3	20	16	3	1	4	14	24
Southend	17	4	1	3	9	9	2	5	2	10	24
Scunthorpe	17	5	1	2	8	3	2	1	6	14	17
Port Vale	17	4	3	1	13	8	2	2	5	7	11
Cheshfild	17	2	2	5	14	17	5	0	3	9	23
Rochdale	17	4	2	3	12	10	1	4	3	8	21
Doncaster	17	3	4	1	10	6	2	1	6	5	20
Colchester	17	3	4	2	15	14	2	1	5	11	23
Oldham	17	1	3	4	8	15	2	7	0	11	19
Shrewsbry	16	3	0	5	11	10	2	2	4	8	17
Swindon	17	2	2	5	13	15	2	2	4	9	13
Blackpool	17	3	2	4	8	12	1	2	5	7	13
Fleetwood	17	2	3	3	12	7	2	0	7	8	19
Barnsley	17	3	1	5	10	10	1	1	6	10	19
Crew	17	1	2	5	8	14	2	2	5	6	12

Barnsley.....1	Port Vale.....2
Winnall 77	Leitch-Smith 40
HT 0-1	Foley 47
Blackpool.....0	Doncaster.....2
	Att 8,696
	Williams 5
HT 0-2	Taylor-Sinclair 40
Bradford.....2	Crew.....0
Liddle 45	Att 6,597
B Clarke 58	
HT 1-0	Att 17,546
Cheshfild.....1	Oldham.....2
Evans-Blake 34	Poleon 72
HT 1-0	Philliskirk 87
Colchester.....1	Coventry.....3
Bonne 17	Att 6,178
HT 1-2	Murphy 32
Gillingham.....3	Bury.....1
Samuel 6	Att 5,275
Egan 10	L Clarke 4
Osoabe 87	
HT 2-1	Att 10,603
Peterboro.....2	Fleetwood Town.....1
Coulibaly 57	Ball 66
Anderson 77	Att 5,462
HT 0-0	

Rochdale.....0	Wigan.....2
	Pearce 16
HT 0-1	McMenamin 78
Sheff Utd.....2	Southend.....2
Baxter 36	Payne 31
Collins 45	Att 3,835
HT 2-2	Att 19,007
Shrewsbry.....P	Walsall.....P
Postponed - new date to be confirmed.	
Swindon.....2	Scunthorpe.....1
Branco 55	Clarke 73
Ajose 59	Att 6,957
HT 0-0	

SkyBet League Two

Acc Stanley.....2	Newport County.....2
Kee 58	Klukowski 54
Crooks 77	Boden 66
HT 0-0	Att 1,552
Bristol R.....2	Carlisle.....0
Taylor 66,88	Att 6,423
HT 0-0	
Exeter.....2	Crawley.....2
Nicholls 8	Bradley 28
Nichols 45	Rooney 90
HT 2-0	Att 3,664
Luton.....2	Barnet.....0
Green 25	Att 8,497
McGeehan 67	
HT 1-0	
Northmptn.....1	Mansfield.....0
Richards 4	Att 5,454
HT 1-0	
Oxford Utd.....1	Cambridge.....0
Taylor 33	Att 6,958
HT 1-0	
Yeovil.....2	Stevenage.....2
Cornick 52	Wells 55
Jeffers 58	Pett 88
HT 0-0	Att 3,220
York.....1	Plymouth.....2
Godfrey 90	Jervis 19
	Carey 44
	Att 3,654

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Plymouth	17	6	1	1	14	6	6	1	2	13	6
Oxford Utd	17	5	3	1	12	6	4	3	1	16	9
Northmptn	17	6	1	2	14	9	3	3	2	13	21
Acc Stanley	17	4	3	2	18	15	4	2	2	8	4
POMPEY	16	2	5	1	11	7	5	2	1	12	7
Mansfield	17	2	4	2	11	7	5	1	3	11	7
Leyton O	16	4	2	2	14	7	3	3	2	12	13
Bristol R	16	2	1	5	7	10	6	1	1	14	8
Carlisle	17	4	2	2	16	14	3	3	3	13	26
Luton	17	3	3	3	11	9	4	1	3	18	12
Wycombe	15	3	2	3	11	10	4	2	1	9	3
Wimbleton	16	4	1	3	12	12	3	2	2	12	11
Morecambe	16	3	0	5	14	15	4	2	2	17	23
Exeter	17	4	1	4	15	10	2	1	5	8	15
Notts Cnty	16	5	1	2	13	9	1	3	4	8	14
Crawley	17	3	2	3	7	9	3	2	4	14	17
Cambridge	17	3	1	4	10	13	1	4	3	7	12
Barnet	17	5	1	2	14	8	1	1	7	9	20
Hartlepool	16	2	2	4	8	13	3	0	5	7	11
Stevenage	17	3	1	4	9	14	0	5	4	12	18
Newport C	17	0	3	5	8	17	3	2	4	9	11
York	17	1	1	2	12	17	1	3	4	7	12
Yeovil	17	1	3	5	13	18	1	1	6	6	13
Dagenham	16	0	3	5	7	14	1	3	4	10	17

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Celtic	14	6	1	0	23	4	5	1	1	12	11
Hearts	14	5	1	1	15	7	4	1	2	11	7
Aberdeen	14	5	1	1	11	7	4	0	3	10	9
St Johnstn	14	4	2	1	13	8	3	0	4	16	23
Ross Cnty	14	4	0	1	10	9	1	3	3	9	10
Hamilton	14	3	2	2	12	9	2	1	4	11	18
Dundee	14	2	3	2	11	11	2	3	2	9	12
Inverness CT	14	2	3	2	5	6	2	3	2	10	11
Kilmarnock	14	2	1	4	7	14	2	2	3	8	10
Motherwell	14	2	1	4	6	10	2	1	4	5	8
Partick	14	1	2	4	11	12	1	0	3	7	12
Dundee Utd	14	1	2	4	6	10	1	0	6	4	18

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Falkirk	5	Alloa	0
Baird 12,31,44			
McHugh 64			
Leahy 81			
HT 3-0			Att 3,550
Morton	2	Queen Sth	0
Johnstone 51,82			Att 1,849
HT 0-0			